

## **COLLINS, Sister Sheila, DMJ**

August 1, 1933-September 7, 2023

Sister Sheila of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph. Born in Glin, Limerick, Ireland, in 1933, to William and Nora Collins, Sheila was one of six children. She is predeceased by her parents, sister Anna and brother Sean. Sheila is survived by her sisters Mai, Josephine and Frances in Ireland. Sheila entered the religious order of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph on August 25, 1950, and professed her First Vows on April 21, 1953. Shortly after her first profession, Sheila made the arduous journey to California, traveling for ten days by ship and train, to begin her ministry of service in elementary education and pastoral ministry. She approached her ministry with great heart and genuine interest in the lives of those she taught and served. From 1953 through 1974, Sheila taught at St. Sebastian School, LA; Our Lady of the Rosary, Paramount; St. Michael, SF. From 1974-2010, Sheila's focus in ministry changed to pastoral ministry--in St. Charles Parish, Imperial Beach; St. Pius X, Santa Fe Springs; St. Mark's Parish, San Marcos. In 2010, Sheila was asked by her religious community to change her focus once again and to serve as a member of the Community Leadership Team until 2012. After her many years of dedicated service to so many people, Sheila "retired" from ministry. In her final years, Sheila lived at Marian Residence in Palos Verdes before moving to St. John of God Nursing Home, Los Angeles. We are deeply grateful to the devoted staffs who cared for Sheila with enduring love and compassion.

There will be a Mass of the Resurrection on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. at 10:00 at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City. Memorials in Sister's name may be made to the Daughters of Mary and Joseph, 5300 Crest Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.