

Sister Elaine Marie Carey, OP



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Dominican Sister of Peace Elaine Marie Carey, OP, (Elaine Jean) (94) died at the Sansbury Care Center in St. Catharine, KY, on October 26, 2018.

Sr. Elaine Marie was born in 1924, one of the two children of Cecile Frederick and Raymond Charles Carey of Memphis, TN. She entered religious life in 1944. Sr. Elaine Marie earned a Bachelor of Arts in Home Economics, English, Education and Philosophy from Siena College in Memphis, TN, and a Master of Arts in Religious Education from Catherine Spalding College in Louisville, KY. She also studied Theology and Pastoral Counseling at St. Louis University as well.

Sr. Elaine Marie served as a teacher and administrator in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Nebraska for twenty-five years. In her reflection at Sr. Elaine Marie's service, Sr. Rose

Cummins, who had her as a teacher and later lived with her as a Sister, described her as, "A teacher who expected the best from her students and challenged them to move beyond their comfort zones... but the twinkle in her eye and her smile told us that while she meant business, she enjoyed a little monkey business."

Sr. Elaine Marie followed both her God and the needs of the times, answering the call to change her personal ministry as the community required. She served as a religious Education Consultant in Omaha, NE, then as a Director of Religious Education in Illinois and Kentucky, then returned to study at St. Louis University to prepare for ministries as a Chaplain at two Louisville hospitals. She also served her Community as a volunteer at the St. Catharine Motherhouse and Sansbury Care Center.

In 2005, she became a resident of Sansbury Care Center and began her final ministry of prayer and presence.

Sr. Elaine Marie was preceded in death by her parents and her brother. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Audrey Carey, and nieces and nephews.

A Vigil of Remembrance Service was held at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Sansbury Care Center Chapel in St. Catharine, KY, on Thursday, November 1, 2018. The funeral liturgy was also held at the Sansbury Care Center Chapel on Friday, November 2, 2018. Sr. Elaine Marie Carey was interred at the St. Catharine Motherhouse Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Sr. Elaine Marie Carey's memory may be sent to the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Office of Mission Advancement, 2320 Airport Dr., Columbus, OH, 43219 or submitted securely at opeace.org.