

Sr. Christine Marie Stevens, F.M.I.



Age 74, of Dayton, Ohio, died unexpectedly on February 13, 2009. Born Rita Hucik, October 8, 1934 in Maple Heights, Ohio, of the late Joseph and Johanna (Panek) Hucik. Preceded in death by her brother Ed Hucik, she is survived by her brother John Hucik (Dorothy), her sisters Anne Tupta and Dorothy Pawlicki, sister-in law Marjorie Hucik, and numerous nieces and nephews, her Marianist Sisters and many dear friends.

Christine entered the Marianist Sisters on July 16, 1959, professed first vows August 22, 1962, and perpetual vows on August 22, 1965, all in San Antonio, Texas. She received a BA in Music in 1956 from The Ohio State University and an MA in Sacred Doctrine from St. Mary's University, San Antonio in 1969. Sr. Christine taught in Catholic schools in San Antonio and Dayton for 26 years.

She began her teaching career at St. James School, San Antonio, in 1963 before moving to Dayton where she taught at Alter High School. In the summers, Sr. Christine worked with the Edgemont Community Garden and programs for inner city youth. Sr. Christine moved into pastoral ministry, beginning as a Campus Minister at the University of Dayton, serving on the retreat team at the Marianist Apostolic Center in Glencoe, Mo., and returning to Campus Ministry at Christian Brothers College in Memphis, Tenn. For nine years she was a parish minister at Guardian Angels Parish in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1990 Christine returned to Dayton, this time specializing in band development in the Catholic schools. In 1997 Sr. Christine started teaching art at Ascension Catholic School, the position from which she retired in 2006. In her retirement, Sr. Christine took joy in volunteering at We Care Arts, playing clarinet in the

New Horizons Jazz Band at the University of Dayton, and sharing life with the residents of Twin Towers and Huffman Place.

Visitation will take place at Queen of Apostles Chapel at Mount St. John (4435 E. Patterson Rd. Dayton, Ohio) between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2009, followed by the Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. A light lunch will follow the liturgy at the Witzman Center in the Church of the Ascension, 2025 Woodman Dr., Kettering, Ohio 45420. Interment of Cremains will take place at a later date at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Mount St. John. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Marianist Sisters for their Mission Solidarity Fund.

Arrangements by Bradford, Connelly & Glickler.

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