



Sr. Gloria Gallagher O.S.F.

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Sr. Gloria Gallagher, age 94 of the Srs. of St. Francis in Oldenburg, died Monday, January 7, 2019 at the convent. Born November 12, 1924 in Cincinnati, Ohio, she is the daughter of Elizabeth (Nee: Phillips) and Edward Gallagher.

Sr. Gloria attended St. Clare School and Our Lady of Angels High School in Cincinnati where she met the Franciscan Sisters and began to pursue her music career. She accepted a scholarship to Marian University in Indianapolis, pursuing a degree in chemistry with a minor in music. By the end of her sophomore year, she reversed her major and music soon became her life.

She earned an A.B. in music and chemistry from Marian, a B.M. from the College of Music in Cincinnati and an M.M. from the Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. Her career spanned 63 years teaching at Our Lady of Angels Academy and Fenwick High School in Ohio, Oldenburg Academy and Marian University in Indiana as well as serving as the organist and liturgist at the convent for 20 years.

In 2000 she celebrated her golden jubilee. Much to her surprise, over 160 former Oldenburg Academy students secretly met for over year to plan and present a “Mr. Holland’s Opus” type of concert in her honor. As she entered the auditorium, she froze in amazement as she discovered it was filled with former students, family and friends gathered in her honor. A two hour concert followed, featuring many of her favorite instrumental and choral selections. It culminated with Sr. Gloria being invited to conduct the finale, Handel’s Hallelujah Chorus.

Earlier in Sr. Gloria’s career she wrote “The Blessing of St. Clare” which continues to be sung by the Sisters when extending their blessing to others in song. When Congregational Minister Sr. Christa announced Sr. Gloria’s death, she noted, “As Sr. Gloria sang many times the “Blessing of St. Clare”, may God pour forth all graces on her abundantly and in heaven may God place her among the saints.”



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Visitation is Thursday, January 10th, from 1 -3 p.m. at the convent chapel. Funeral services follow at 3 p.m. with Rev. Bob Weakley O.F.M., officiating and burial will follow in the convent cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Srs. of St. Francis, P.O. Box 100, Oldenburg, Indiana, 47036 (www.OldenburgFranciscans.org).



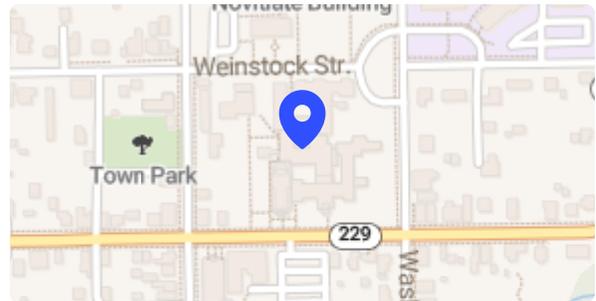
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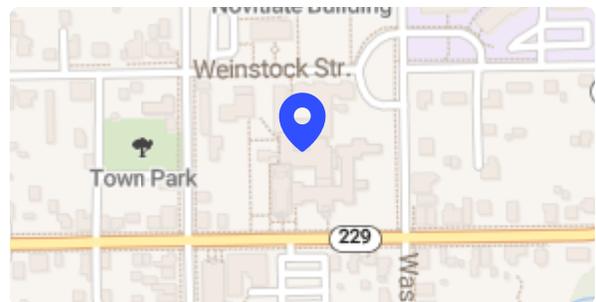
Visitation

- Thursday**, January 10, 2019
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- Srs. of St. Francis Chapel**
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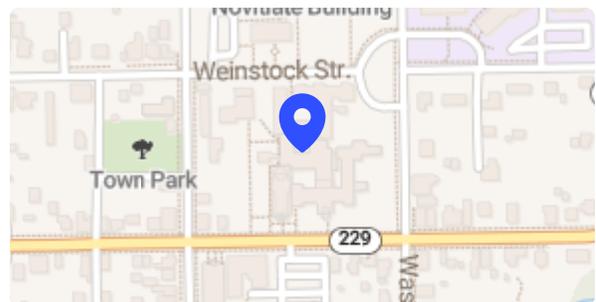
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Cemetery Details

- St. Francis Cemetery**
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KA

Kathleen posted:

Sister Gloria was a gift from God to everyone who had the honor to know her. His light shone in her eyes and smile. She was class and grace. Now she is in heaven with the angels - just as she was an angel while on this earth. God bless you Sister!Kathleen

January 15 at 11:36 AM

TL

Terri Litmer lit a candle in honor of Sr. Gloria.



January 11 at 8:22 AM

TS

Theresa C Siefker posted:

Sister Gloria was such a joy to my sisters and I (The Feldman sisters)When I was a senior at ICA she was in charge of the music department. Our orchestra played "Stars & Stripes Forever". My memory of it was "perfection". Years later I heard the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra play that piece and I was a little disappointed. I told Sister Gloria that my memory was that our orchestra at the Academy was so much better. She laughed and laughed!Every time I had the privilege to talk with Sister Gloria, It was such a joy. She felt like a member of my family.

January 10 at 6:04 PM



Jeff Johns posted:

I was fortunate to be at Marian College while Sr. Mary Gloria was there . She and all the Sisters who were there at the time made my college experience some of the best times of my life. Marian University is just not quite as special as it was while all of the Sisters of Oldenburg were there. She was a remarkable woman in ALL that she did. The choirs of heaven just got a new accompanist. May she rest in peace and thank you good and faithful servant.

January 10 at 9:14 AM



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Dottie (Feldman) Klammer posted:

My belief is that dear Sister Gloria is singing with the angels. What a beautiful person she was. I graduated from ICA in 1961. She worked magic with her knowledge of music. Our paths didn't cross many times after that but each time they did, she recognized me and was the same vibrant and kind human being. I can picture her eyes brightening and then the beautiful smile would spread over her face. Thank you Sister Gloria. You were such a blessing to us all.

January 10 at 6:59 AM



Anita M Heidrich posted:

My prayers and sympathy to Sr. Gloria's family and to the sisters of St. Francis. I have fond memories of Sr. Gloria that go all the way back to days before she entered the convent. I grew up in College Hill and attended St. Clare School. She was my piano teacher. We kept in touch in later years through our Marian University alumni gatherings. She was a very special person and will be greatly missed. Anita Dreiling Heidrich

January 10 at 3:49 AM



Nora lit a candle in honor of Sr. Gloria.

Sister Gloria was the most wonderful person I have ever known. I went to Oldenburg Academy and had many music classes with her. She was well liked and very devoted to her students. She will be greatly missed. God's love shine on you Sister Gloria!



January 9 at 3:19 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gallagher O.S.F. family.



January 9 at 1:12 PM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Gallagher O.S.F. family.



January 9 at 3:17 AM



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Deborah Bland Sherman posted:

What a wonderful servant of God. Sister Gloria had quite an impact on my life through the years I was involved in choir with her. I could tell she truly believed in me & was so honored to be chosen by her to narrate our performance in my senior year. Such a sweet spirit.

January 8 at 8:29 PM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Gallagher O.S.F. family.



January 8 at 9:59 AM



Carol Davis posted:

What a beautiful lady she was. I have been blessed to have met her back in 1964 at what is now known as Oldenburg Academy, formerly ICA. She still remembered me each time I saw her at Sunday Mass at the Chapel. She always had a smile and always interested in what was happening in our lives. She will surely be missed by many. May your wings be extended in God's paradise. Carol Tebbe Davis

January 8 at 4:28 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sr. Gloria by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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