



Sr. Marilyn Hofer OSF

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Sr. Marilyn Hofer, formerly Sr. Maryl, age 88 of the Srs. of St. Francis in Oldenburg, died unexpectedly on March 26, 2022 at the convent. Born on June 12, 1933 in Chicago, Illinois, she is the second of seven children born to Louise (Nee: Belda) and John Hofer.

After moving to Indianapolis, she enrolled in elementary school at Our Lady of Lourdes where the family were parishioners. For third grade she attended St. Joseph Academy in Tipton for one year as a boarding student before returning to Our Lady of Lourdes. She then attended high school at St. Mary's Academy in Indianapolis, following the family's love of the Franciscans. Her father spent five years in the Franciscan seminary of the St. Louis province and her great-grandmother was a Third Order Franciscan who introduced Marilyn's mother to them. Having met the Franciscan Sisters at an early age, she soon expressed an interest in joining the community. She entered in 1951 and enrolled at Marian University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in education. She later would receive her Master's degree in education from Xavier University and her Ph.D. in secondary education from the University of Notre Dame.

Upon entering the convent, she began teaching in elementary schools, including St. Michael's in Brookville, Indiana; Our Lady of Victory in Cincinnati, Ohio; Holy Name in Beech Grove, Indiana and Rex Mundy High School in Evansville, Indiana, before enrolling as a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame. For the next 26 years she served as an Education Department Professor at Marian University. Following a year of sabbatical, Marilyn returned to Marian as the Assistant Director of Alumni for 14 years before coming home to Oldenburg in 2011, serving as the Sisters' health insurance coordinator until the time of her death.

Marilyn was honored with Marian's Franciscan Staff Award in recognition of her years of dedication to students at the university. After returning to Oldenburg, she commented, "Living and working at the Motherhouse has been a joy for me. The opportunities for prayer, sharing, attending programs in a pleasant atmosphere are most satisfying. My responsibilities allow time for my interest in walking, reading, studying and visiting the Sisters. I still remain connected with



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Marian University as a Sister Representative to the Board of Trustees ... and am blessed to have the best of both worlds.”

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Andrea and Charlie Carter of Costa Rica; sister-in-law Mary Ann Borgo of Williamsburg, Virginia, along with numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded death by her sister Louise Pierce and brothers Ronald, John, Michael and Francis Hofer.

Visitation is Friday, April 1st, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the convent chapel. Funeral services follow at 3:00 p.m. with Fr. Jim Farrell, STB officiating, with burial in the convent cemetery. Guests who have been vaccinated are welcome to attend but masks are mandatory. For those unable to attend, services will be live-streamed at <https://youtu.be/hNsyX5RNiPc>. Memorials may be made to the Srs. of St. Francis, P.O. Box 100, Oldenburg, IN, 47006 (www.OldenburgFranciscans.org).



Events

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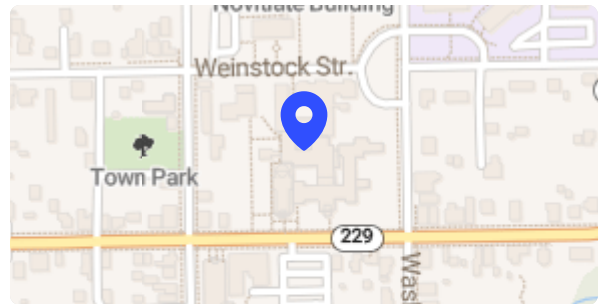
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Visitation

 **Friday**, April 1, 2022


 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Srs. of St. Francis Chapel**
22143 Main Street, Oldenburg IN 47036

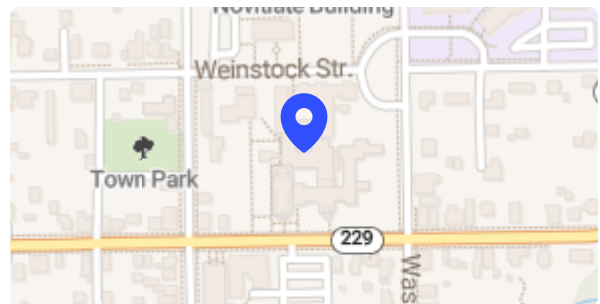


Service

 **Friday**, April 1, 2022

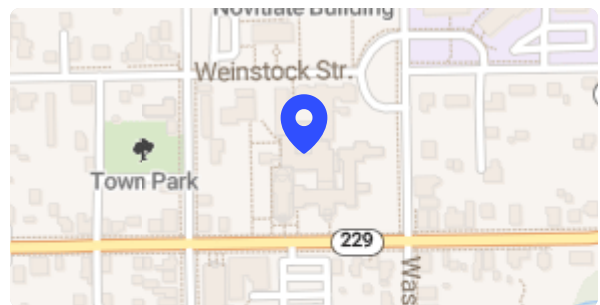
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Cemetery Details

 **St. Francis Cemetery**
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Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hofer OSF family.



March 31 at 6:51 AM



Maribeth Taylor Ransel '65 posted:

When I served as Alumni Director at Marian, Sr. Marilyn came to work in our office as the Assistant Alumni Director. It wasn't long before she became the heart and soul of our office. Alumni flocked to visit with her, sitting with her for lengthy periods of time to share stories about their families, jobs and lives. As she had served for so many years as a faculty member of the Education Department, our office also became a hub for faculty and staff who missed having her at the faculty table and often dropped in to share thoughts and seek her wisdom. She became a strong mentor to the numerous work-study students who completed their hours as assistants in our office. She was a friend to the numerous alumni boards, committees and volunteers who worked to strengthen our programs and sponsor our events. To me she was a trusted and cherished friend and colleague. After her return to Oldenburg, we had lunch about every three months and I will miss those trips to Oldenburg when we were able to catch up on the news from campus and the news from alumni friends. Sr. Norma Rocklage often talked about people who were "gifts" in our lives. Sr. Marilyn was a gift to so many and I know she will always be there for us in our hearts and our spirits. Rest well, Dear Friend. It is now time to do the reunion planning in heaven. I'm sure your office there already has a long line of alumni who are happy to welcome you home.

March 30 at 9:49 AM



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Maribeth Taylor Ransel '65 posted:

When I served as Alumni Director at Marian, Sr. Marilynn joined our department as Assistant Alumni Director. She quickly became the heart and soul of the office. Alumni always stopped to see her when they came to campus, and her quiet demeanor seemed just what many needed as they spent long periods talking to her about their lives, jobs and families. Marilynn was a listener, and the alumni recognized that she would always hear them out. Additionally, our office was frequently a stopping off place for faculty and staff to sit and share thoughts with her. She had been such a beloved member of the Education Department for so many years that faculty from around the college sought her out because they missed her at the faculty table. She enjoyed working with the alumni boards and volunteers, and was a particularly great mentor to all of our work-study students who spent many hours working in our department. In addition to all these things, she was a very cherished friend to me, and, like our other alumni, I enjoyed spending quiet time with her in our office, or years later at regular lunches out after she retired to Oldenburg. Sr. Norma used to use the term "gift" to talk about those who were special to our lives. Sr. Marilynn was a gift to so many of us, and the true gift she gave us is that she will always remain with us in heart and spirit. Rest well, Marilynn. Your earthly job is done. I am sure you will have fun doing reunion planning in heaven. Maribeth

March 29 at 10:32 PM



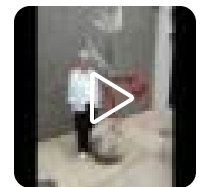
Craig & Mary Huber sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Hofer OSF family.



March 29 at 3:09 PM



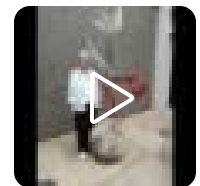
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March 29 at 2:59 PM



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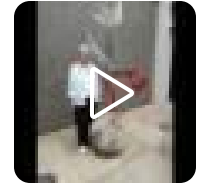
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Andrea Carter shared an album called **Marilynn 03/26/2022**.



March 29 at 2:39 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Hofer OSF family.



March 29 at 2:13 PM



Charlie And Andrea sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Hofer OSF family.



March 29 at 11:33 AM



Kevin O'day posted:

Sr. Marilyn was my instructor at Marian College. (now University) during the late 1980s. I remember her fondly. Prayers and peace to the family.

March 29 at 9:04 AM



Andrea Carter shared a video to the **Memories Album** album.

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Memories



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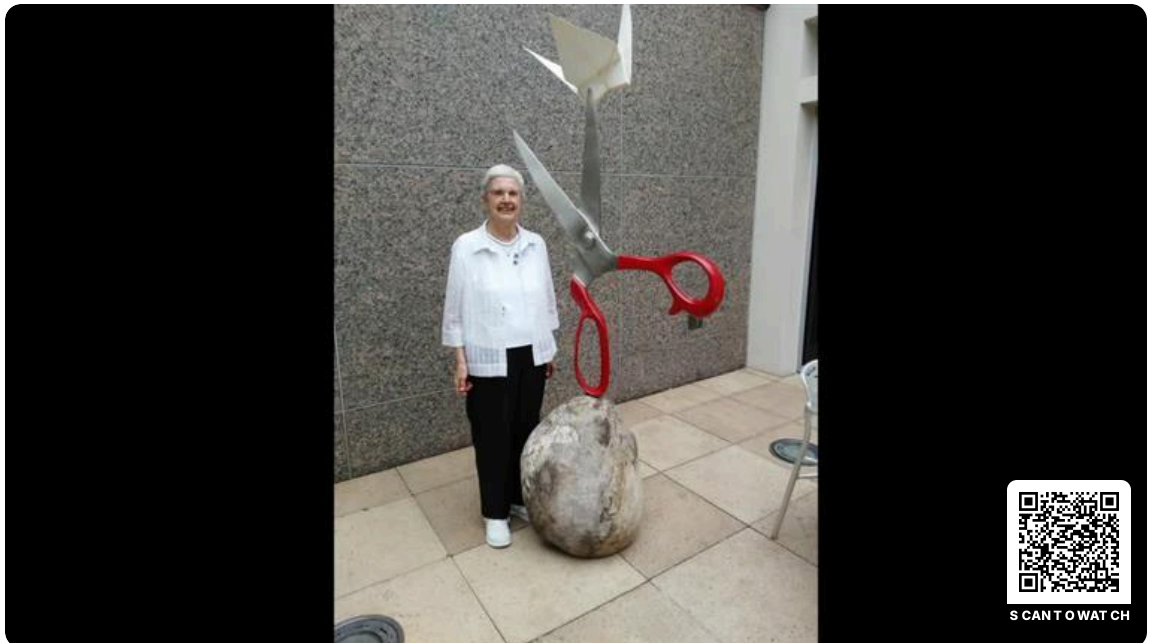
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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