



Sr. Maureen Mahon OSF

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Sr. Maureen Mahon, formerly Sr. Zita, age 86 of the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg, died June 20, 2022 at the convent. Born on January 28, 1936 in Cincinnati, Ohio, she was the eighth of ten children born to Anna (Nee: McDonald) and Daniel Mahon.

Maureen grew up in Cincinnati attending St. Vincent de Paul grade school where she and her siblings were taught by the Oldenburg Franciscans. She was impressed by the Sisters' spirit of joy and their simplicity and her desire to follow this vocation began. She continued her education at Seton High School with the Sisters of Charity.

After high school, Maureen entered the Sisters of St. Francis on September 8, 1955. Although she had wanted to become a foreign missionary, that option wasn't available at the time, so she began her career teaching grade school in Missouri and Ohio. In 1966 her dream was realized when she was sent to Papua New Guinea to minister to the people of the highlands. Maureen described the people as "beautiful" and her time in Papua New Guinea as "truly enriching".

During her 29 years there, she taught primary grades, was director of a school for catechists and Directress of the Liturgical Catechetical Institute for the Catholic Bishops' Conference. After returning to the United States, Maureen worked as a Pastoral Minister in Washington, Missouri and Zanesville, Ohio. She earned a B.S. in Education from Marian University and pursued additional education through numerous workshops and courses in Papua New Guinea.

Maureen described her life with this image. "God has been like a weaver all these years in my life, spinning a tapestry which includes bright threads as well as dark ones, but always there, spinning and leading."

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by sisters Mary Patricia, Joan, Ann, Eileen, Margaret, Mary Florence, Kathleen and brothers Francis and Edward.



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Visitation is Tuesday, June 28th, from 1:30 – 3 p.m. at the convent chapel. Funeral services follow at 3 p.m. with Rev. Ken Overberg SJ officiating and burial in the convent cemetery. For those unable to attend, services will be live-streamed at <https://youtu.be/Stmu3iQ6y40>. Memorials may be made to the Sisters of St. Francis, P.O. Box 100, Oldenburg, Indiana, 47036 (www.OldenburgFranciscans.org).



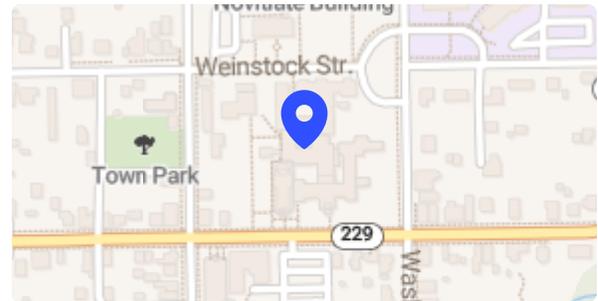
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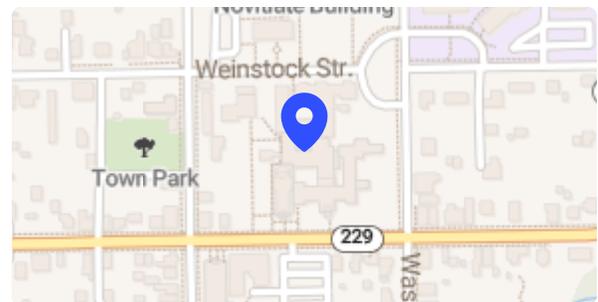
Visitation

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- 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- Srs. of St. Francis Chapel**
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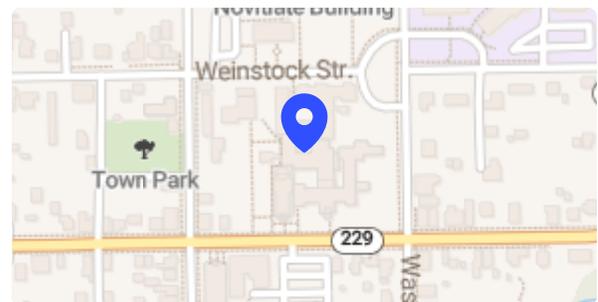
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Cemetery Details

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MA

Margaret posted:

We had the privilege of meeting Maureen through Our Dear friend Fr Lawrence Pozzuoli (aka as Larry) when she visited Chester UK to Celebrate her Golden Jubilee & Lawrence's Diamond Jubilee it was such a Joyful and Memorable Day. Maureen has always been in my daily prayers and now those prayers will continue for the Happy Repose of Her Beautiful Soul RIP Dear friend. Margaret and Marc also Fr Jim Durkin OFM Chester who knew Maureen out in PNG Our sincere condolences to her beloved family and her Sisters in ChristMay God Bless You All

July 23 at 1:36 AM

FC

Fr. Bob Craig posted:

My name is Fr. Bob Craig, a Capuchin Franciscan from Pittsburgh who first met Sister Maureen when I served in Papua New Guinea. - What a holy, joyful and wonderful Religious woman she was! I want to extend my deepest sympathy to her family and to all the Oldenburg Sisters. May God grant her the gift of eternal life and give each of you comfort and peace. I will be celebrating a Mass for her and you.

July 3 at 11:07 AM

JW

John Winkler shared an album called **Memories Album**.



June 29 at 10:49 AM

SD

Susan Heck Duclos posted:

Sister Zita was my 1st grade teacher, 1959-1960 at St. Catherine of Alexandria in Riverview Gardens (St Louis) Mo. Fond memories!

June 27 at 6:56 PM

SD

Susan Heck Duclos posted:

Sister Zita was my 1st grade teacher (1959-1960) @ St Catherine of Alexandria in Riverview Gardens (st Louis) Missouri. Such fond memories & always wondered about her knowing she went to New Guinea shortly thereafter. May she Rip with the other nuns that taught us well!

June 27 at 6:42 AM



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NR

Nancy (Faeth) Russell posted:

I went to Our Lady of Victory for elementary school and I believe Sr. Zita was one of my teachers. I remember she left for New Guinea and we would hold little fund raisers to send to her. I have fond memories of Sr. Zita--and learning about New Guinea.Nancy (Faeth) Russell

June 25 at 4:18 AM

AO

Ann Vonder Meulen,OsF posted:

Maureen was gifted with Irish wit and wisdom which she shared generously with all. As a newcomer to PNG Maureen introduced me to village life. It was obvious her gentle presence and ministry were appreciated by all.

June 23 at 6:53 PM



John Winkler shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

June 29 at 10:49 AM



Misión pilot John Winkler unloading C-206 at Tari 1976-1979



Memories only last if you share them

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



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