

**Marion (Leo Ann) Riley, CSJ**  
**April 2, 1933 ~ August 24, 2016**

*A tribute to Marion on her 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee  
from her niece Shannon*

Marion Riley, CSJ was born April 2, 1933 to Leo and Ann (Ryan) Riley in southeast Minneapolis. Larry, Bill, Bob, Jim, Kate, Phil and younger brother Joe were Marion's siblings. After living a full, generous and loving life as an elementary teacher, administrative assistant, and teacher of adult immigrants, Marion, who "always thought first of others", died peacefully at the age 83 at Carondelet Village in St. Paul.

Marion joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1951 after graduating from St. Anthony of Padua High School in Minneapolis. The Sisters of St. Joseph she had as teachers, the Paulist priests in her parish, and supportive family and friends with strong Catholic values inspired her decision.

Upon receiving the habit of the Sisters on March 19, 1952, Marion continued her studies to become a teacher. Marion taught for 20 years in various Twin Cities Catholic elementary schools. Her final two years of teaching were at Ascension School in North Minneapolis.

After her years as a teacher, Marion pursued the seminary. She worked at St. Paul Seminary for 11 years as registrar and assistant to the Dean of Studies. Then she ventured to Luther Seminary for five years working in administration for an ecumenical program. She returned to her roots to work in administration with the Sisters of St. Joseph and continued to serve the local community by teaching adult immigrants English.

Marion treasured the love and support she received from her family especially during difficult times. At the same time, her family felt they were the ones who were truly blessed to be a part of her life. There wasn't a family gathering—birthday parties, graduations, band concerts, sporting events, baptisms, confirmations—that didn't include Marion. During the challenging changes in the church and religious life, her nieces and nephews helped her renew and strengthen her vocation. After babysitting many of nieces and nephews for an evening or weekend, the convent suddenly seemed more welcoming than ever.

Marion was preceded in death by her parents Leo and Ann; her sister Kate; brothers Larry, Bill, Bob, Jim and Joe; niece Sandy; nephew Michael; sisters-in-law Donna and Florence, and her dear friends Audrey Lauen, CSJ and Chris Loegering, CSJ.

She is survived by her brother Phil (June) and sister-in-law Claudia; many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, first cousin Jan McKenzie Anderson and dear friends, Bishop Sylvester Ryan of Monterey, CA and Jean Stodola, CSJ; the Sisters of St. Joseph, Consociates and caregivers at Carondelet Village.

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated August 31, 2016. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery.

*May she rest in God's eternal love and peace.*