

Sister Marie Irene Scarola, SSND - 75 Year Jubilee!



Our beloved Sister Marie Irene Scarola went home to God during her Jubilee year, on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 8 p.m. May Irene rest in peace, and may we all pray for her welcome into God's loving arms.

Sister Mary Mendum shared a bit about Sister Marie Irene on her 75th Jubilee:

Irene had wonderful memories of her family gatherings for birthdays. Everybody's birthday was celebrated every year. In fact, they gave her a 90th birthday party in LeClerc Dining Room at VND. Over 50 relatives were there, and each family gave her a tribute and thank you for all she and her sister, Mary, had done for them when they were children.

I believe her favorite ministry was when she was working in counseling and did home visitation.

Irene was very proud about being an SSND and she often talked about it. She attended many parish activities at St. Raphael, East Meadow, N.Y. and was active as a lector and Eucharistic minister. She loved people and walked all around the parish, meeting and conversing casually with the people. I was very impressed that she was still active even though she was rapidly aging.

Sister Marie Irene Scarola was born on August 28, 1924 in New York City. She was one of five children born to Italian parents Irene Lanzolla and Lorenzo. She entered the congregation in Baltimore and professed first vows in 1945. She began her ministry as a teacher in Catholic schools in Washington, D.C., New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, where she served for almost three decades. Following a year at Christ the King in Tampa, Florida, where she worked in pastoral ministry, Sister ministered in Catholic parishes and centers across New York for 40 years doing pastoral ministry and community and family services. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1957 and a Master of Arts in Education-Counseling/Guidance in 1967 from Villanova University.