



Sister Maria Carmencita c.s.c.

July 1, 1924 - February 18, 2011

Anderson - Sister Maria Carmencita c.s.c. Bateman, 86, died at 4:15 a.m. on Friday, February 18, in Saint John's Hospital, Anderson, Indiana. She was born July 1, 1924 in Danville, Illinois. Sister Maria Carmencita died after a short stay at St. John's Medical Center where she received loving and excellent medical care from the hospital staff. She was well supported by the sisters and all the hospital staff at Saint John's, where she had ministered with such joy and energy since 1980.

Sister's professional life took numerous turns over her 65 years of active ministry. She taught in the elementary schools before moving to the administrative level in the diocesan office in Gary, Indiana. There she used her library science degree as a supervisor before being appointed as assistant superintendent in 1972. She then gracefully bridged the gap from education to hospital ministry, where she served the people and staff of Saint John's Health System for 31 years. At a petite 5 feet, Sister Maria Carmencita would seem to have had little impact, but her zeal and dedication made her a giant of activity and influence. She had a profound respect for all persons. In her sight, they were all "children of God". Sister was a loyal and trustworthy friend with an empathic ear, a quality that endeared her to all. Her reserved manner somewhat masked her delightful sense of humor which often disarmed a tense situation.

Family was important to Sister Maria Carmencita, and she was very close to the members of her own family and to those in her family of Holy Cross.

Survivors include her sister, Henrietta Grubbs and brother, Gaines Gregory Bateman, and many nieces and nephews and their extended families. She encircled them all with her love and prayers of support and from her own deep spirituality where she drew comfort and strength. She now rests in the arms of her Lord and in the minds and hearts of those who loved her. May she rest in peace. She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Ruth Conley Bateman, several brothers and sisters. Services in Anderson, Indiana, will be held on Sunday, February 20, from 3 p.m. to 5:00 PM, with a brief prayer service at 4:00 p.m. with Sister Eileen Flavin, c.s. c. at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home and Crematory, 200 West 53rd Street. At Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, Indiana, funeral arrangements for Sister Maria Carmencita are as follows: Reception of the Body with the memento on Monday, February 21, at 4 p.m. The Mass of Resurrection will be Tuesday, February 22, at 10:30 a.m. All of these ceremonies will take place in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, St. Mary's, Notre Dame, Indiana with her nephew, Father Paul Faulstick, S.J., her great nephew, Rev. Eric Underwood and Rev. Robert Williams officiating. www.LooseFuneralHomes.com

Tribute Wall

YB

“ Sister Carm and I had lunch almost every day, while I was working at Saint John's. She was kind, loving and giving. She had a quick wit and a wonderful sense of humor. She knew all of my children by name and asked about each of them often over lunch. I will miss her terribly. Sincerely, Yolanda

Yolanda Bell - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I will miss your hugs my sweet Sister Carm! My life and my heart have been touched just by knowing you all of these years.

Debbie Haskett - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Sister, was a wonderful, kind & warm hearted person that cared deeply for people. She will be missed. We are very sorry for the families and St John's loss.

Dave & Pam Brogdon - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Aunt Kyle as I knew her was a great lady and will be missed by her family. I know she will be watching over all of us now. God bless her and may she rest in peace.

Robert & Nancy Cowan - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM