



Sr. Marie Consolata Billingsley

November 4, 1929 - December 18, 2016

Sr. Marie Consolata Billingsley, 87, passed peacefully into the arms of her God on Sunday evening, December 18, at St. Gertrude Monastery, Ridgely, Maryland. Sr. Marie Consolata (Eleanor) was the daughter of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Wardell Billingsley. One of six children, she was a “Kinger” as she attended Christ Our King Elementary School and later graduated from St. Elizabeth High School. Inspired by the example of the Benedictine Sisters, she entered that religious community in June, 1947.

After earning her college degree from Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, she was assigned teaching positions on the elementary school level at St. Mary’s in Newark, NJ, St. Elizabeth’s and Our lady of Fatima in Wilmington, DE. She was a member of the first faculty of the short-lived Our Lady of Fatima High School.

Sister spent the next 33 years as a math educator at St. Elizabeth High School where she was loved and known for her patience and willingness to stay after school hours to help a struggling student. Her greatest reward was seeing her students succeed in college and life. Patience was never a challenge for her, and she was quoted as saying, “patience comes with the love of teaching.”

A gradual and serious hearing loss prompted her to leave the classroom in 1991. Her math skills were utilized as she took on the role of treasurer for the community and spent many years ensuring the financial stability of her sisters. Her hobbies included crocheting, Suduko, the organ and her favorite, pet-

sitting for friends.

In addition to her parents, Sister was pre-deceased by her brother, Joseph, and her sisters, Clementine, Patricia and Mary Elizabeth. She leaves behind to cherish her memory her brother, Michael, her late siblings' spouses, her many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, friends and her Benedictine Sisters.

A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 21, at 11:00 AM by Rev. Joseph Piekarski, a former student. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the Mass, and interment will take place in the community cemetery. Donations may be made to the Benedictine Sisters' Retirement , 14259 Benedictine Lane, Ridgely, Maryland, 21660.

Cemetery Details

St. Gertrude Monastery

Ridgely, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Gertrude's Priory
Ridgely, MD 21660

Mass

DEC 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Gertrude's Priory
Ridgely, MD 21660

Tribute Wall



“ *Sr. Marie Consolata Billingsley*

October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Sr. Marie Consolata Billingsley*

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *I am a priest for 40 years in part because Sr. Consolata's joy made God so powerfully present to me at SEHS. Thank you to her family by blood and her sister Beenedictines for sharing her with so many of us blessed students! Fr. Tom Flowers*



Fr Tom Flowers - June 24, 2018 at 08:32 PM



“ *Dear Michael, Norma, Frank, Mary Jo, Ellie, and Families, I was saddened by the death of Marie Consolata. Two things I know for certain : Consolata loved her Benedictine vocation and her family. Can you imagine the rejoicing in heaven among Sister Marie Consolata, her parents, and her siblings! What a Merry Chris for them! I know you all share loving memories of your times together. "Death leaves a pain that ho one can heal; love leaves a memory that no one can steal."*
My love and prayers,
Sister Patricia Gamgort, OSB

patricia gamgort - December 23, 2016 at 10:00 AM

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“ *She was one of the sweetest persons I have ever known.*

Fr. Michael Roark - December 19, 2016 at 04:56 PM

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Michael, Norma, Frank, Mary Jo, Ellie, and families, I was saddened to hear of Marie Consolata's death. She loved her Benedictine vocation and her family. What joy in heaven there must be this Christmas where the Billingsley sisters and Joe are celebrating with their parents! "Death is a pain no one can heal; love is a memory no one can steal." My love and prayers are with all of you. God bless! Sister Patricia Gamgort, OSB

Sister Patricia Gamgort - December 23, 2016 at 05:20 AM