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Introduction to Memorial Mass
Sister Owen Mangan

Our Lady of Angels Chapel
Saturday, Sept. 15, 1984

Sister Owen Mangan, christened Irene, by her very Irish parents, Edward and Margaret, was born on July 2, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois.

Those of us who knew Sister Owen well, remember her as a woman who had a real zest for life and a deep commitment to what she believed in. There weren't many current issues about which Owen didn't have a strong opinion of one sort or another - and she delighted in sharing those opinions freely.

Her friends remember Sister Owen as a charitable woman whose "heart was as big as she was." Once she committed herself to a cause, no price was too high to pay.

Sister Owen had a special devotion to and love for the sick and hospitalized, as is attested by her 5 years as a nurse's aide at Northwest Hospital in Chicago, after having spent 36 years in the ministry of education in Illinois and Ohio.

In a community living and ministry survey in the late 70's, Sister Owen stated, "My living as I am this year has brought me closer to many in the Church . . . both those who are well and the sick in the hospital, where I know I have been the strength of many."

Though she had been in somewhat frail health these last five years, Sister Owen's death came as a shock to many of us who had somehow come to think of her as indestructible. She had come through the heart attacks and faced this surgery with courage and confidence. Yet she realistically added shortly before leaving for Chicago, "If it's my time, I'm ready."

We extend our sympathy to her sisters, her friends and family, especially her sisters Mary and Margaret and her brothers Edward, James and Robert.

We celebrate Sisters's life and death as blessing, and we thank God for the years she spent among us as Sister.

