

Sisters of St. Francis

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Margaret Ann Lanagan was born in Amarillo, Texas, on December 26, 1939, to the late Oleta (Camp) and Maurice C. Lanagan. The oldest of eight children, Ann's brothers and sisters are Thomas (Donna); Marjorie; the late Mary Louise; Martha (Frank) Violante; Mark (Peggy); the late Frances; and James (Julie).

After moving with her family to Joliet, Ann attended St. Paul the Apostle School, St. Francis Academy and the College of St. Francis. She continued her education at Mundelein College in Chicago and earned an M.A. in Religious Studies.

Upon entering the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate in 1957, Ann received the name Sister M. Kateri and made first profession in 1960. Her early ministry was as a grade school teacher in several of the parish schools staffed by our sisters, among them: Sacred Heart, Englewood; St. Pius in Lombard and St. Matthew in Champaign, where Ann ministered as teacher and religious education coordinator for 25 years. She continued in the ministry of Director of Religious Education for 10 more years, serving hundreds of students and their families each year, and leading large teams of catechists in each parish. Her leadership in that field was clear as she also served chairperson for the Kankakee Grundy DRE Cluster during her time at Maternity BVM Parish in Bourbonnais, Illinois.

In addition to her official ministries, Ann enjoyed many hobbies that touched into both her Franciscan spirit and her artistic side. She was a long-time steward in the American Kennel Club dog shows, serving to lead dogs through their paces and to keeping the ring functioning during shows. She assisted judges in awarding ribbons and keeping records. Ann also enjoyed the creative arts of calligraphy, drawing and various kinds of needlework.

Alleluia!



Sister Margaret Ann Lanagan, OSF

Following her long school- and parish-based educational careers, Ann moved on to a new type of support work in higher education. At the University of Illinois in Champaign, Ann worked with student athletes, coordinating tutoring support. She enjoyed helping these young people as they moved through college and toward careers of their own. Since 2016 Ann also served a Local Chapter of sisters in Illinois as their Local Coordinator.

As a member of a large family, Ann was close to her sisters, brothers, many nieces, nephews and cousins, including in the last few weeks of her life as she transitioned to her new residence at Our Lady of Angels. Ann found comfort in the daily visits they provided as she navigated serious health concerns. For many years Ann also enjoyed the friendship of Sondra Davis, her long-time friend, and neighbors and co-workers as well. Ann continued to be in touch with her many classmates in the Congregation and made a retreat with three of them as recently as this past summer.

Ann, you will be missed by the students, family, sisters and the God you served so well! Amen!
Alleluia!

Sister Margaret Ann Lanagan, OSF

December 26, 1939 — November 23, 2021

<i>Born:</i>	December 26, 1939
<i>Parents:</i>	Maurice C. Lanagan and Oleta M. Camp
<i>Postulancy:</i>	September 8, 1957
<i>Novitiate:</i>	August 13, 1958
<i>First Profession:</i>	August 12, 1960
<i>Final Profession:</i>	August 13, 1965
<i>Entered New Life:</i>	November 23, 2021

Ministry History

1960-1961	Full-time Student: College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois
1961-1963	Teacher: Grade 4, Sacred Heart, Englewood, Chicago, Illinois
1963-1965	Teacher: Grade 2, St. Jude, Cleveland, Ohio
1965-1968	Teacher: Grade 2, St. Pius X, Lombard, Illinois
1968-1969	Teacher: Grade 4, St. Andrew, Romeoville, Illinois
1969-1976	Teacher: Grade 2, St. Matthew, Champaign, Illinois
1976-1992	Religious Education Coordinator, St. Matthew, Champaign
1992-1993	Director of Religious Education, St. Matthew, Champaign
1993-1994	Coordinator/Special Services, St. Matthew, Champaign
1994-1996	Director of Religious Education: St. Anthony Parish, Streator, Illinois
1996-2004	Director of Religious Education: Maternity BVM Parish, Bourbonnais, Illinois
2004-2007	In Transition
2007-2014	Student Services: University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois
2014-2016	In Transition
2016-2021	Local Chapter Coordinator

<i>Interment:</i>	Section 8, Lot 344, Grave 7, Resurrection Cemetery
<i>Predeceased by:</i>	Her parents, Maurice C. Lanagan and Oleta M. Camp and her two sisters, Louise and Frances
<i>Survived by:</i>	Her two sisters Eileen, San Antonio, Texas, and Martha (Skip) Violante, Granite Springs, New York; her three brothers, Thomas (Donna), Grafton, Wisconsin, Mark (Peg), Manhattan, Illinois, and James (Julie), Plainfield, Illinois; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends

Rest in Peace, Sister Margaret Ann!