

Sr. Audrey Buttner, FMI

Dec. 25, 1935 – Nov. 28, 2016

Marianist Sister Audrey Buttner FMI (Sr. Mary Margaret Lawrence), age 80 with 61 years of religious life, peacefully passed into God's loving arms November 28, 2016, at Siena Woods, Dayton. Her risen life begins in this anniversary season of her perpetual vows (Nov 30, 1958), and the deaths of her parents Casper John (12/7/67) and Margaret (Bolender) (12/8/86), and brother Bro Lawrence SM (12/11/50). She is also predeceased by her brother Robert and brother-in-law Larry Harte. She is survived by her beloved sister Virginia Harte and sister-in-law Joan Alto; 8 nephews and 3 nieces and 23 grand-nieces and nephews, her US Province Marianist sisters in Dayton, San Antonio and Rome; Marianist brothers, Nazareth Lay Marianist Community, her worldwide Marianist family and many devoted friends.

Born on Christmas, 1935 in Brooklyn, Audrey entered postulancy at age 15 in Somerset, Texas. She traveled to Huarte, Spain, for Novitiate, and professed first vows in 1955 and perpetual vows in 1958 in San Antonio, TX. She earned a certificate in Hospice and Palliative care from Madonna College in Livonia, MI.

Throughout her life, Sr. Audrey engaged in service ministry and was beloved by all for her bright smile, simplicity, gentle loving care and faithful companionship of her Marianist family, friends and all she served. All her life she was engaged in hospitality and caregiving ministries. She was a cook and beekeeper at Our Lady of the Pillar Retreat Center in San Antonio, TX for 10 years, she moved to Dayton in 1976 and served in the resource center at St. Albert the Great School, dietetics at Good Samaritan Hospital, campus ministry at University of Dayton and in caregiving for the Precious Blood Sisters. She was part of the Marianist Sisters' Toledo community from 1990-99, working as a Visiting Nurses Association aide.

Retiring in 2006, Sr. Audrey courageously faced health challenges while volunteering and continuing her love of gardening, walks, teaching bread-baking, and visiting the infirm and others in need. Like our foundress Adele, she was a voluminous correspondent, sending handmade cards with thoughtful notes and prayers. Thanks to Siena Woods Marianist Brothers and staff for their care the past 3 years. Our dear sister, aunt and friend Audrey, rest in God's peaceful garden. Your loving heart ever inspires us and we count on your prayers.

Visitation Wednesday, December 7, at 12:30 p.m. at Queen of Apostles Chapel followed by Mass of Christian burial at 1:45 p.m. and interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, all at Mount St. John, 4435 East Patterson Road, Beavercreek, OH.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Marianist Sisters' Vocation or Mission Solidarity Funds, 30 Sawmill Road, Dayton OH 45409.