



Sister Mary Ellen Ruth Comiskey

December 30, 1933 - August 13, 2016

Sr. Mary Ellen Ruth Comiskey, O. Carm., of the Holy Souls, was a member of the Congregation of Corpus Christi Carmelites. Sr. passed to her eternal reward peacefully, at age 82, on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Mount Carmel Home, Kearney, NE.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 10:30 am at Mt. Carmel Home Chapel in Kearney. Rev. Tom Mallowney will officiate. Interment will take place at the Kearney Cemetery. A Prayer Vigil in her honor will be at Mt. Carmel Home Chapel on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Memorials may be forwarded to Corpus Christi Carmelite Sisters. The O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home has undertaken responsibility for the funeral arrangements. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com.

Obituary for Sr. Mary Ellen Ruth Comiskey, O.Carm.

Sr. Mary Ellen Ruth Comiskey, O.Carm. of the Holy Souls was born on December 30, 1933 in Worcester, MA to Joseph and Ruth (Koloski) Comiskey. She grew up in Worcester and graduated from Ascension High School. She entered the Congregation of Corpus Christi Carmelites on July 15, 1957 and

made her Final Profession on August 15, 1965.

Her Tertiary studies were undertaken at Salve Regina College in Newport, Rhode Island from where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in English and from Aquinas Institute where she successfully pursued her Master's Degree in Theology.

Sr. Mary Ellen spent most of her life in Pastoral Ministry, which she thoroughly enjoyed; engaging herself fully in teaching. Her other Pastoral activities included home visiting, Religious Education, counseling, and nursing. The latter of which she carried out with admirable care and gentleness at Good Samaritan Hospital. Upon her retirement, Sister served tirelessly at Mt. Carmel Home, prior to becoming a resident. She was affectionately known as "Sister Trouble" by all who knew of her mischievous traits and humor.

As a community, we are very grateful to Our Mighty God for her life among us and the joy she brought to all those with whom she lived and worked. We trust that Our Lord, in his goodness, has already welcomed her into the "Heavenly Court", accompanied by choirs of angels as she listens attentively to the echo of these beautiful words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into your rest".

Sr. Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her parents. May she rest in Peace.

Survivors include cousins; Joan Dickinson of Webster, MA, Pat Lynch of Half Moon Bay, CA, Kevin and Helen Lynch of Albuquerque, NM and Beth Regan of MA; the Carmelite Sisters; and special friends Norman Gossman of Cranston, RI. and David B. Wright of Kearney.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 233-3244

Previous Events

Vigil / Prayer Service

AUG **23**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Carmel Home
Kearney, NE 68845

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Mt. Carmel Home
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ Dawn McCartney lit a candle in memory of Sister Mary Ellen Ruth Comiskey



Dawn McCartney - July 08, 2025 at 01:39 AM



“ Sister Mary Ellen Ruth Comiskey

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear about 'Sister Trouble.' She spent time with our mother several months before she passed and I'm not sure she ever shared her given name with us, however we will never forget her smile. She was a true gem who will be missed by many. The family of Esther Jameson.

Sarah Jameson - September 07, 2016 at 12:40 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Sr. Mary Ellen. She always kept things interesting when she was in Newport. It was nice to see her in Kearney at my aunt's service. She always kept in touch while she was able.

Jim McGonigle

James McGonigle - August 20, 2016 at 12:57 PM

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“ *The Rawling girls, Beth, April, Paula & Lisa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sister Mary Ellen Ruth Comiskey.*



The Rawling girls, Beth, April, Paula & Lisa - August 19, 2016
at 11:20 PM

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“ *I knew Sister Mary Ellen as my mother's cousin Ruthie. My mom, Norma Ruth (Bugdenovich) Rawling, and her cousin had a special relationship. Ruthie was sweet yet feisty. She brought joy with her wherever she went. I will remember her with love. My name is April Ellen Rawling-Dennis. The Ellen in my name was after my mother's Aunt Ellen. I think the Ellen in Sister Mary Ellen Ruth was after the same Ellen. I will always have that connection. I believe there is a very special place in Heaven for this remarkable woman.*

April Rawling-Dennis - August 19, 2016 at 10:06 PM

GS

“ *Grace Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Sister Mary Ellen Ruth Comiskey*



Grace Sullivan - August 19, 2016 at 03:41 PM

GS

“ I have known Sister Mary Ellen since 1978 and she was full of surprises. I know that she cared about her charges. Personally she wouldn't let me slide on anything. She and I communicated often over the years. She taught me strength, trust, and humor. I will miss her so much! My condolences to the community and to Sister Mary Ellen's family. RIP Sister Mary Ellen.

much love
Grace (and Pat) Sullivan

Grace Sullivan - August 19, 2016 at 03:40 PM

TF

“ Tammey Frick lit a candle in memory of Sister Mary Ellen Ruth Comiskey



Tammey Frick - August 19, 2016 at 02:28 PM

TF

A breath of fresh air was Sr. Mary Ellen. We loved her sense of humor, her kindness and most of all her deep devotion to the Lord and her gift of compassion for those who needed it most. May you now know the true meaning of peace our friend. Tammey & Gene

Tammey Frick - August 19, 2016 at 02:31 PM

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Our family always called her the Brown Nun and we all loved her sense of humor. Sr. Mary Ellen was a breath of fresh air, and her kindness and compassion for those who truly needed it, was inspirational. She loved her sweets, and always loved a good conversation. May you now know the true meaning of Peace.

Tammey Frick - August 19, 2016 at 02:39 PM