



## Sr. Mariel Ann Rafferty MSHH

January 13, 1932 - February 2, 2021

Sr. Mariel Ann Rafferty, MSHH, died on February 2 at Stella Maris in Timonium, Maryland. She was 89 years old and had been a member of the Mission Helpers for nearly 70 years.

She was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and attended schools there and in New Jersey. She recalled, "My family moved from town to town, so I had encountered a variety of religious communities, but I chose the Mission Helpers because they were missionaries."

As a missionary Sr. Mariel was called to serve in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, Colorado, W. Virginia, Kentucky and Florida. She spent more than three decades in remote areas of W. Virginia and Florida, where there was a great deal of poverty. She said she learned so much from the people there because, "They were so grateful and so open to our ministry."

She held a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Loyola University Maryland and a master's degree in Religious Education from LaSalle University in Philadelphia.

Sr. Mariel is survived by her brothers, Rev. Michael J. Rafferty and Phil Rafferty and his friend Annette; sister-in-law Carol Rafferty; nieces Karen and Erin; nephew Kevin, other beloved family members and Mission Helper

Sisters. She is predeceased by her brother, Ron Rafferty.

Funeral services private. To view via live stream: <https://www.mwfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Mariel-Rafferty/#!/PhotosVideos/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001/WebcastVideo>

Contributions in Sr. Mariel's memory may be made to the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, 1001 W. Joppa Rd., Towson, Md. 21204

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Catholic Prayers

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Live Stream Service

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