



## Sister Marylita Friia, SSND

August 12, 1931 - February 11, 2022

On February 11, 2022, Sister Marylita Friia, SSND, beloved member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, dear daughter of the late Michael Friia and Nellie Conoscenti Friia, dear sister of Anthony Friia and his wife Beatrice. Also survived by nephews Gregory and Michael Friia (and wife Lynnlee Friia) and beloved great-nephew Bryan Friia and other extended family members. All of these she loved and touched deeply.

A native of Baltimore, Sister Marylita was a life-long educator who made a tremendous impact to the lives of many others. She taught at Notre Dame Preparatory School and what is now Notre Dame of Maryland University. She was a teacher and then principal at Archbishop Keough High School and taught chemistry at the Essex campus of the Community College of Baltimore County. Sister Marylita continued her commitment to education as Director of religious education at St. Mark in Fallston and St. Joseph in Odenton. She was a pastoral associate at St. Michael in Poplar Springs and coordinator of sacraments and adult education at St. Bernadette in Severn. She served as director of religious education at St. Charles in Pikesville and ministered in adult religious education for Our Lady of Good Counsel and the Catholic Community of South Baltimore, and later she was also a medical claims coordinator for the Atlantic-Midwest Province of SSND. Sister Marylita was a gifted story teller, especially when recounting stories about her family's history. She loved traveling to different places, including visiting family members in Italy, and she enjoyed a good joke. All who knew her loved her dearly and will never forget her wit, kindness, faith and devotion.

A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Villa Assumpta, 6401 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21212. A Wake Service will be held from 10:15 AM to 11:00 AM. Sister Friia donated her body to the Anatomy Board of Maryland.

Contributions in memory of Sister Marylita Friia, may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, 6401 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21212.

# Previous Events

## Wake

OCT **22**. 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Villa Assumpta Chapel  
6401 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD 21212

## Mass of Resurrection

OCT **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Sister Marylita was someone I really liked at Archbishop Keough. I was sad to hear about her passing but know that I thought of her often. When a few of us girls were acting out... she always knew who it was and where we were! May she rest in eternal peace 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Jamie McGuirk —Class of 1975 Keough - October 16, 2022 at 06:36 PM

AS

“ Sister Marylita was vice principal of Cathedral Academy in Camden, NJ when I attended. She was a sweet, funny & spunky lady who always had a place in my heart. Over the years, we kept in contact...she always sent me a Christmas card with a note keeping me updated on what she was doing. While I was not Catholic, that didn't matter to her, our friendship did. I will truly miss her. R.I.P. Sister Marylita ❤️ Amy S.

Amy Simpkins - July 23, 2022 at 10:18 AM

AS

“ I want to belatedly thank Sister MaryLita on behalf of the Archbishop Keough High School alumnae (I'm class of 1970) who worked to tell the Netflix “The Keepers” story. Sister MaryLite was the only person we know of who stood up to protect the students. We will remember her with affection, gratitude and respect. Abbie Fitzgerald Schaub

Abbie Schaub - February 22, 2022 at 09:10 PM

GM

“ God rest your soul Sister Marylita. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for protecting our schools sisters of Archbishop Keough High, during your time as Principal. Your heroism will never be forgotten. 1982 Alumni Georgeann Michaelides



Georgeann Michaelides - February 16, 2022 at 12:23 PM

JW

Rest in peace sister Marylita!

Like Sister Cathy Cesnik before you, you were true to your heart. You never needed to admit nor speak of what you did to support and protect the girls in your charge at Archbishop Keough high school. That wasn't why you did it. I will always be grateful, as I know others will as well.

Sincerely,  
Jean Hargadon Wehner

Jean Hargadon. Wehner - February 22, 2022 at 10:21 PM