



SISTER FRANCES MICHAEL MURPHY, OP

Entrance into Life:

May 11, 1922

Entrance into Dominican Life:

February 2, 1942

Entrance into Eternal Life:

November 9, 2011

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Sister Frances Michael Murphy was anticipating the celebration of her seventieth year as a Dominican Sister last December. But God had other plans for her. She died peacefully on November 9 and we are sure she enjoyed a heavenly celebration, perhaps with some of her deceased classmates.

She was born Mary Murphy in Lawrence, Massachusetts in 1922 and joined the Sisters of St. Dominic in 1942. Her many years of religious life were devoted to the ministry of teaching as she served in a number of parish schools, including those in Newark, Bayou La Batre (Alabama) Linden, Bridgeport, Roseland, Caldwell and Clark. She was principal and superior at St. Brigid's in North Bergen from 1961 to 1967.

After forty-five years of teaching on the elementary level, Sister began a new career as pastoral minister to the sick and elderly at St. Elizabeth Parish in Linden. She brought the same love and kindness in this ministry that she had shown to her students throughout the years. During her eighteen years of pastoral work she was a source of comfort, consolation, and joy to the people through her visits, and her ever present support.

In 2006 Sister retired to St. Catherine Health Care Facility where she joined her sisters in community and prayer. After a brief illness she ended her earthly journey in November 2011, in the same peaceful way she had lived her life.

Sister was always known for her calm and gentle ways, her dedication to mission, and her loyalty to the Dominican tradition. We can be certain this good and faithful servant was welcomed with joy to the kingdom prepared for her.