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God...”*



*Sister M. Joanna Connolly, SHF
March 4, 1914 – January 18, 2016*

Sister M. Joanna Connolly, SHF, died peacefully at the Holy Family Sisters' Motherhouse in Fremont on January 18, 2016. She was born Barbara Margaret Connolly on March 4, 1914, in Los Angeles, and entered the Sisters of the Holy Family on January 6, 1934 at the age of 19.

Sister Joanna served in various parishes in California until she was missioned to Hawaii in August of 1955. From then until her health required a return to California in 2001, she served in the parishes and missions of Hawaii.

In addition to her assigned ministries, Sister Joanna volunteered in Teaching English as a Second Language and Hospice work. She started the Interfaith Council in Hawaii, and in recent years enthusiastically followed the work of Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani girl who promoted the education of young girls.

Sister Joanna loved flowers, and shared her skills at Ikebana around the Motherhouse. She faithfully attended the Cosmology Study Group at the Motherhouse until her health prevented her quite recently. Her childhood in Hollywood provided her with many stories to tell, and storytelling was one of her favorite occupations.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 23, at 2:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Motherhouse in Fremont. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Sisters of the Holy Family, PO Box 3248, Fremont, CA 94539.