

Sisters of the Holy Family

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seek out
and
advocate
for the
poor and
needy,
especially
families,

for the
kingdom
of
God...”*

*Sister Marianne Smith, SHF
May 4, 1924 – June 21, 2018*

Sister Marianne Smith, SHF, died peacefully at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Holy Family in Fremont on June 21, 2018, at the age of 94. She was born Ann Catherine Smith on May 4, 1924, in Denver, Colorado, and entered the Sisters of the Holy Family from St. James Parish in San Francisco on July 2, 1944, at the age of 20.



After her initial formation, Sister Marianne began her ministry experience at Holy Family Day Home in San Francisco, where she worked in the nursery from 1946 to 1950. She then served as teacher and principal in religious education programs in parishes in the dioceses of Fresno, Los Angeles, San Jose and San Francisco. She was Diocesan Director of Religious Education in San Francisco and Stockton, and then was called to be Superior of the Motherhouse in Fremont from 1973 to 1976. From there she went to Colma, where she served as DRE at Holy Angels Parish from 1976 to 1991.

From there, Sister Marianne returned to her initial ministry experience, serving as social worker at Holy Family Day Home from 1991 until her retirement in 2015. What began as a temporary placement became the love of her life, and the love was mutual. We have heard from Holy Family Day Home that in response to her death, they have:

- informed all donors to the Sister Marianne Scholarship fund;
- arranged transportation for the staff who want to attend the service;
- contacted the HFDH webmaster to add the information to the website.
- reached out to Mission Dolores to collaborate on a memorial service.
- set up a place in the lobby for staff to write tributes to Sister Marianne.
- planned to plant a tree in her honor and celebrate her memory with some Mitchell's ice cream.
- and will write a tribute in the upcoming annual report.

The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Monday, July 2, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish, 43148 Mission Blvd., in Fremont. Interment will take place at 12:30 that same day at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma.

Donations in memory of Sister Marianne can be made to the Sisters of the Holy Family, P.O. Box 3248, Fremont, CA 94539, or to the Sister Marianne Scholarship Fund at Holy Family Day Home, 299 Dolores Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.



Above left, Sister Marianne in 2006 with Millie and Sister John Marie Samaha. Above right, Sister Marianne at work at Holy Family Day Home.