Sister Dolores Freitas

Sister Dolores Freitas, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family for 59 years, died Friday, June 21, 2019 at the age of 78 at the Sisters’ Motherhouse in Fremont. Sister Dolores was born on December 4, 1940, in San Francisco to Betty and Douglas Freitas. She entered the Sisters of the Holy Family from St. Joachim’s Parish in Hayward on January 6, 1960 at the age of 18.

Sister Dolores’ served in religious education and parish ministry in San Francisco and Hawaii in her early years as a Sister. In 1978 she came to Mission San Jose, where she worked in area parishes as well as in the senior centers in Union City and Fremont.

In 1982 she began part-time pastoral service in the Sisters of the Holy Family infirmary, and went on to receive her CNA and served as a nurse’s aide in the infirmary for many years. Those who experienced Sister Dolores’ nursing care in the infirmary say she was a very caring nurse, and they felt secure and confident in her care.

Sister Dolores had many interests in addition to nursing. For many years she coordinated the Holy Family Sisters’ Christmas boutique, She loved arts and crafts in many forms, many of which turned up in the boutique; she would shop other organizations’ boutiques for ideas. She also enjoyed playing games with the other sisters, and was a great source of movies for any occasion.

A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 26, at 10:30 a.m. at the Motherhouse Oratory in Fremont. Burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma following Mass.

Memorial Remembrances may be made to the Sisters of the Holy Family, P.O. Box 3248, Fremont, CA 94539.