



**Sr. Mary Louise Pepon**

*June 6, 1914 – March 27, 2010*

Sr. Mary Louise Pepon (95) died on Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the Oxford Motherhouse in her 72<sup>nd</sup> year of religious profession.

Born to John and Elizabeth Mary (Pallo) Pepon in Windber, Pennsylvania, Mary Elizabeth was one of nine children. She entered the Dominican Novitiate of the former St. Rose of Lima, Michigan, congregation in 1936 and graduated from Windber High/Felician Academy in 1937. She took the name Mary Louise and made her Profession of Vows in 1938 and her Final Profession of Vows in 1941.

Sr. Mary Louise earned a BA from Siena Heights, University of Detroit, in English and an MA from the University of Notre Dame in communications, and participated many courses at the University of Detroit. Her ministry in education brought her to many schools: SS. Andrew and Benedict, Detroit, MI (1938-42); SS. Cyril and Methodius, Detroit, MI (1942-44, 45-50, 53-55, 61-62, 63-64, 68-71); St. Joseph, Newton Falls, OH (1944-45); Sacred Heart, Flint, MI (1950-53, 55-56); Holy Trinity, Ironwood, MI (1955-56); Holy Rosary, Flint, MI (1962-63); Our Lady of the Lakes High School, Waterford, MI (1964-66); St. Patrick's, Union Lake, MI (1966-67); Pontiac Catholic, Pontiac, MI (1967-68); and St. Vincent Ferrer, Madison Heights, MI (1971-1980). Following her formal retirement from teaching, Sr. Mary Louise ministered at the Oxford Motherhouse as a tutor for area students and the Motherhouse Visitor Coordinator. Later, she entered a ministry of prayer.

“Every little breeze whispers Louise,” Sr. Mary Louise would sing as she introduced herself to those she met. Aside from her beautiful and original means of introducing herself, she was especially known for her hospitality, which she generously displayed when welcoming guests to the Oxford Motherhouse.

Sr. Mary Louise never lost the opportunity to evangelize and was noted for bringing many people to the Lord. She loved the rosary and all of Creation, especially the wildlife that took up residency on the Motherhouse grounds. Sr. Mary Louise had a special interest in birds and used her money to purchase bird seed. She would sit and study the birds that flocked around the property.

Sr. Mary Louise's wake took place at the Oxford Motherhouse on Monday, March 29. The funeral Mass was also held at the Oxford Motherhouse on Tuesday, March 30. The Mass was followed by burial in Our Lady of Sorrows and a funeral luncheon.

Memorial gifts in Sr. Mary Louise's memory may be sent to Dominican Sisters of Peace at 2320 Airport Dr., Columbus, OH 43219-2098.