



Sister Mary Patrick Zangs

December 12, 1931 - July 7, 2024

Sister Mary Patrick Zangs, 92 year old resident of the Franciscan Sisters Community passed away Sunday, July 7, 2024 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at the St. Francis Convent Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Burial will take place in the St. Francis Convent Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 9-11 A.M. on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at the St. Francis Convent Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Caring for Sister and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Sister Pat was born on December 12, 1931, in St. Paul, Minn. She was the third of eight children born to the late John and Agnes (Foley) Zangs. She was accepted as a Franciscan Sister of Little Falls, Minnesota, on July 31, 1952. She made her first profession of vows on August 12, 1954, and final vows on August 12, 1957. She was a Franciscan Sister for 72 years.

Sister Pat earned a licensed practical nurse diploma from Miller Hospital School of Practical Nursing, St. Paul, Minn.; became a registered nurse through St. Gabriel's School of Nursing, Little Falls; earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.; and a master's degree in psychology and wholistic studies from Antioch University, San Francisco, Calif. She also studied at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.; State School of Science, Wahpeton, N. Dak.; Edgewood College,

Madison, Wis.; Clark College, Dubuque, Iowa.; and St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.

Sister Pat ministered as a staff nurse, supervisor, administrator, counselor and instructor in hospitals located in Little Falls, Sauk Centre, Breckenridge and Moorhead, Minn. and in Wis. She also served as director and counselor at Wholistic Growth Resources, Little Falls.

Sister Pat had a great love for classical music, poetry and cooking—especially on the grill. She appreciated the opportunity to minister to her sisters in a wholistic program for 20 years. She will be remembered as a person with a vision for the future, a great sense of humor and a depth of knowledge that she readily shared. She had a great respect for people, was levelheaded in her judgments, and quick to affirm people for the good she saw in them.

Sister Pat was preceded in death by siblings Carol, Mary Bibeau, John, Martin and Alannah. Survivors include siblings Kathleen (John) Kidd, New Brighton; Sandra (John) Vornbroch, North Branch; nieces, nephews and her Franciscan Community.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on July 13 at 11:00 am at the St. Francis Convent.

The service will be livestreamed: www.youtube.com/@FSLFvideos.

Cemetery Details

St. Francis Convent Cemetery

116 8th Avenue SE
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis Convent
116 8th Avenue SE
Little Falls, MN 56345

Funeral Mass

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I loved Pat. She helped me change my life when I took part in a wonderful holistic course in WGR in 1986 -87. I will never forget u Pat. Rest peacefully. Áine. (Ireland)*

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