

Death Notice

SISTER MARY DAYA ND 5598

Anna MATHEW KIZHAKAKUTTU



Our Lady of the Assumption Province, Patna

Date and Place of Birth	July 22, 1939	Kurianadu, Kerala
Date and Place of Profession	January 6, 1965	Jamalpur, Bihar
Date and Place of Death	February 1, 2025	Jaidhara, Notre Dame Convent, Patna

Sister Mary Daya was the second child of the eight children of Joseph Mathew and Anna Joseph Kizhakakuttu. She grew up with her five brothers and two sisters in a deeply Catholic family surrounded by beautiful natural beauty. Family was the foundation of her life, and the strong bonds she formed in her early years remained with her throughout her journey.

She nurtured her call during her High School Education with Carmelite Sisters and her priest uncle inspired her to respond to the call. Anna Mathew entered the postulancy on February 2, 1962, and received her new name, Daya, which beautifully reflected the kindness and compassion she embodied throughout her life. She graduated in Teacher Training at Sacred Heart College, Bangalore, Theology at Mater Dei, Goa, and a Spirituality Course in Australia.

Sister was an efficient teacher in Munger, Jamalpur, Patna, and Gumla and an able administrator in Sheikhpura and Musgutri. Sister was gifted to create communion in community as a local coordinator. Sister was a valiant pioneer in Sheikhpura, Somanahalli, and Gumla. She was gentle, patient, caring and had a large heart for the poor and suffering.

As a formator, she played a significant role in guiding young women in Notre Dame and in the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Thomas, Kerala. She was known for her ability to nurture and accompany the Formees with wisdom and grace. Sr. Daya was a sought-after sister in the socio pastoral ministry. Sister had friendly relationships with all and was deliberate in her decisions and choices.

Since 2019 Sister Mary Daya was in Jaidhara, Notre Dame infirmary, requiring doctors' appointments and medications due to ill health. Often Sister suffered much pain. Though she could not understand why God allowed such pain, she would quietly resign to God's will and accept her condition as God wills. Her smile was childlike and endearing. More recently her health became fragile and she was unable to move her body or respond to any stimuli. Investigations showed deterioration in her brain cells. Sister passed away on February 1st at 10.15 p.m., surrounded by her Notre Dame family praying and singing her favorite hymns as she smoothly transitioned to the heavenly abode.

May you enjoy fullness of life and eternal bliss, dear Sister Mary Daya, in the loving embrace of our good and provident God.