

Death Notice

SISTER MARY LENETTE

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Lenette Angela MARCELLO
(formerly Sister Mary Sherise)



Immaculate Conception Province, USA

Date and Place of Birth: February 23, 1949 Warren, Ohio
Date and Place of Profession: August 15, 1969 Chardon, Ohio
Date and Place of Death: March 11, 2026 University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center
Date and Place of Burial: March 20, 2026 Resurrection Cemetery, Chardon

Lenette was the first of six children born to Leonard and Frances (Ludwick) Marcello. Born three months premature, all her life Lenette struggled with limited lung capacity and poor eyesight. In the love of her wonderful, large family and her innumerable friends over the years, she thrived! The family belonged to St. James Parish where Lenette and her siblings attended school staffed by the Sisters of Notre Dame. She was an excellent student and found contentment and joy in reading and developing her gifts in music and language arts. As early as the sixth grade, Lenette thought seriously about religious life. After eighth grade graduation, she was accepted as an aspirant and began classes at the new Notre Dame Academy in Chardon. As a senior, Lenette entered our congregation as a postulant. At investment she received the name Sister Mary Sherise.

Sister Mary Lenette received a bachelor's degree in English and French from Notre Dame College. High school students in Ohio, North Carolina and Florida appreciated her approach to teaching literature, language and Scripture. She loved teaching and her students loved her. Sister earned a master's degree at the French School of Middlebury College in Vermont. She accompanied student groups to Quebec, France and Spain and graciously tutored two student seminarians in French. Sister was approachable and kind.

In 1999 Sister Mary Lenette began a second ministry as administrative assistant to the Chardon provincial superior. Here she was able to put her love for words to a new and different use. She worked tirelessly, usually behind the scenes, for the province and the congregation. No task was so big she would not try, nor so small that it did not demand utter care and attention. She was a master at checking that all the "details of the details" were taken care of. The ability to summarize and synthesize, edit and proofread, draft letters and speeches, organize questionnaire responses, assist province committees and be of support to province leadership in countless ways were valued and respected.

Sister Mary Lenette spoke the language of beauty and comfort for many people she never met through her work with the Leprechaun Foundation and as a member of St. Helen's Prayer Shawl Ministry, bringing her gifts of prayer and crocheting to parishioners in need of healing and encouragement. She learned to manage her health limitations so as to live a beautiful life of service. For Sister Mary Lenette, family was her lifeline. She was devoted to her ever-growing circle of relatives and friends and to her Sisters in community. We are grateful for her gentle presence and loving support. May she rest in peace.