

Death Notice

SISTER MARY MICHYL

ND 4987



Phyllis Ruth HABERMEHL

Immaculate Conception Province, USA

Date and Place of Birth	November 13, 1936	Augusta, KY
Date and Place of Profession	August 16, 1960	Covington, KY
Date and Place of Death	February 22, 2025	Covington, KY
Date and Place of Burial	February 26, 2025	Covington, KY

**“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart;
and you will find rest for your souls.”**

(Matthew 11)

Phyllis Ruth Habermehl was born to Viola and Robert Habermehl on November 13, 1936. She was the seventh of eleven children raised in Augusta, Kentucky. She was baptized at Saint Augustine Church and received her early education at Saint Augustine School in Augusta. After graduating from Augusta Independent High School in 1954, she attended Morehead State University for a year and then worked at the Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company. Phyllis enjoyed her work but felt that something was missing. She longed for a larger calling, joined the Sisters of Notre Dame in 1957, and made her Profession of Vows in 1960.

Sister Mary Michyl pursued her education at Villa Madonna College (now Thomas More University), earning a BA in Elementary Education. She began her teaching at St. John's School in Covington and taught at several schools in Ohio and Alabama. Sister also served as a childcare worker at St. Aloysius Orphanage and the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, where she ministered for 14 years. She especially enjoyed working with the children there. At times, she had to be both a mother and a father to the children. “She felt that she was their everything.”

In 1991, Sister moved back to the Provincial House, where she held various positions in housekeeping, dietary, and finance. Most recently, Sister served as the transportation director for over 25 years. She happily helped and supported her community, always sharing a giggle and smile.

Sister Mary Michyl peacefully passed away on February 22, 2025, surrounded by her loving family and sisters. For 65 years in her religious life, Sister Mary Michyl showed us a “wonderful journey” of service and dedication. She found fulfillment in helping her sisters and family. Her enduring passion for assisting others enabled her to share her numerous talents with everyone around her. She will be deeply missed. May she now rejoice in the embrace of our good and loving God.