



SISTER ROSE VINCENT GLEASON
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Another “Giant” of our community has gone home to her loving God. Ironic, the past week the scriptural readings at Mass were about the use of our talents. Sister Rose Vincent used the talents that God has bestowed on her and they multiplied. With her Irish warmth, humor and compassion, Sister built a ministry of love in her community and in the city of Utica. From her position at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Sister reached out to all. Her name will be “legend”, her memory will last, her smile that brought warmth and calm to many will always be a part of all who loved her. Sister was so much more than a nurse, a council member, an assistant Reverend Mother, a recipient of many awards. She was a Sister of St. Francis who displayed the love of God and the love of St. Francis to all.

On December 11, 1923, Mary Ellen Gleason was born to Vincent Gleason of Syracuse and Margaret Hewitt of Ireland. September 15, 1943, Mary Ellen entered the Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse from her home parish, St. Patrick’s in Syracuse, New York. Sister Rose Vincent made her Final Profession on August 17, 1949. She received a B.S. degree in nursing from Catholic University and her M.H.A. degree in Administration from St. Louis University in St. Louis, MO.

For over 50 years sister ministered to the patients of St. Elizabeth’s and opened her heart to the people of Utica. On Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at St. Anthony Convent Chapel a Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m. Calling hours preceded the Mass. Burial followed at Assumption Cemetery. A Memorial Mass for Sister Rose Vincent will be held at a later date at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Utica, N.Y.

Sister, may God hold you in the palm of His Hand.