



Sister Mary Owen Amann

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Sister Mary Owen joined the Sisters of St. Francis from St. Leonard Parish in Monesson, Pa. During her early years in the community, Sister Owen taught students in the upper elementary grades in schools staffed by the sisters in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. After completing studies in home economics, she began teaching in high schools throughout the diocese. She continued in this ministry until 1962, when she retired from the classroom. Her former students would always remember the tasty dishes they prepared and/or the beautiful garments they created under her careful guidance.

After leaving the classroom, Sister Owen went on to serve in the payroll/personnel office at St. Francis Hospital in New Castle, Pa., and later as information/ communications coordinator at St. Francis Medical Center in Pittsburgh. Later, she served as school treasurer at Santa Cruz in Puerto Rico, before ministering as local coordinator at Mount Alvernia. For several years she again put into service her experience in the home economics field, preparing delicious meals for the sisters at St. Gregory Convent in Zelienople, Pa.

Sister Owen was always an avid reader, enjoying mystery stories and biographies. In 1995, she again joined the sisters at Mount Alvernia, eventually serving with the sisters in prayer ministry and living in the health care unit. Sister Owen never lost her wonderful sense of humor and her love of recalling stories from the past. Her constant “companion” was her rosary, which she prayed several times during the day. May she now rest peacefully in the loving arms of God.