



Sister Virginia Cassidy

May 23, 1920 – Dec. 16, 2011

Sister Virginia Cassidy, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities died on December 16, 2011 in the 62nd year of her religious life at the Wartburg Adult Care Community in Mt. Vernon, N.Y. Born in Astoria, Long Island, she was the daughter of Percy M. and Mary V. Kelly Cassidy and entered the Sisters of St. Francis, Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. in 1949. Sister Virginia earned a bachelor's degree in history Queens College in 1941, followed by a master's degree in 1963 from Fordham University. Sister Virginia also took part in the summer program at the Catholic University of Puerto Rico that was offered to religious educators in the 1960s. Sister Virginia held many certificates including those to qualify her as a district superintendent in both Catholic and public schools. Her teaching ministry began at St. Eugene School, Yonkers, N.Y. (1951-57), St. Clare Academy (1957-1968) and she was principal of St. Eugene School from 1968 to 1982. From 1982 to 2002, she served as administrative assistant at St. Peter's School, Yonkers. Sister Virginia retired to the Immaculate Conception Convent in Hastings-on-Hudson in 2002 due to vision problems.

Sister Virginia Cassidy's funeral Mass was held on December 20, 2011 at St. Eugene Church, Yonkers with burial at the sister's cemetery at Mount Loretto on Staten Island following the Mass. Sister Virginia is survived by her brother Howard and his wife Patricia and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Warren Cassidy.