



## Sister Maria Dolorosa Shawhan

June 21, 1964 - December 7, 2016

Sister Maria Dolorosa Shawhan, of the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Our Savior, age 52, died peacefully Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at St. Joseph's Novitiate in Round Top, NY, after suffering from cancer for four years. Born Donna Marie on June 21, 1964, in Cincinnati, OH, she is survived by parents Gerald and Marian (Shutte) and by siblings Sr. Mary Elizabeth, F.M., Thomas (Amy), Lisa Brueggemann (John), Michael (Kate), Daniel (Emily), and 43 nieces and nephews. Sister was predeceased by her sister Regina.

After graduating from Mother of Mercy in Cincinnati, OH, in 1982, Sister went to the University of Cincinnati and received a BA in Mathematics in 1986. She entered the Daughters of Mary in September 1987. Sister professed vows in July 1990 and began teaching at St. Pius V School (Long Island, NY). After serving as Novice Mistress for one year, she returned to St. Pius V School in 1995 where she primarily taught the Regents math courses. Sister was appointed Local Superior in 2000 and Principal in 2003. In 2007 Sister returned to the Novitiate to be the Directress of Sisters' Studies. As a General Councillor for 18 years, she provided valuable advice to the Mother General. Sister celebrated her Silver Jubilee of profession in 2015.

Sister was a magnificent example of selflessness and zeal for souls and the works of the Daughters of Mary. She had a great devotion to the Sacred Heart

and His Blessed Mother. Her example of patience, peace, joy, and resignation to God's Will during her illness will continue to edify many.

Sister's wake will be held at St. Joseph's Novitiate Chapel in Round Top, NY, on Sunday, December 11, with recitation of the Rosary at 8 p.m. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph Santay, will offer Sister's Requiem High Mass on Monday, December 12, at 11 a.m. at the Novitiate Chapel. Interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery will follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Daughters of Mary, P.O. Box 205, Round Top, NY. May she rest in peace. Sister's funeral arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross Street, Cairo, New York. Condolences may be made at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Novitiate Cemetery

1275 Hearts Content Road  
Round Top, NY 12473

# Previous Events

## Recitation of Rosary

DEC 11. 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph's Novitiate  
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Round Top, NY 12473

## High Mass

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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DA

“ I went to Mother of Mercy High school with Donna. I remember her kindness, her intellect and her Faith. I am glad that she was able to bring all of her passions together, to enrich others lives. It seems to me, that she was a Blessing, as well as truly Blessed. Godspeed Sister, the celestial chior will be glad of your voice.

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**Diane Avellano-Virostko** - January 16, 2017 at 08:18 PM

KH

“ I went to school with Sister, when she was known as Donna. I will always remember her sweet smile and her kindness. Rest In Peace, Sister.

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**Kathleen Helbling** - January 16, 2017 at 08:08 AM

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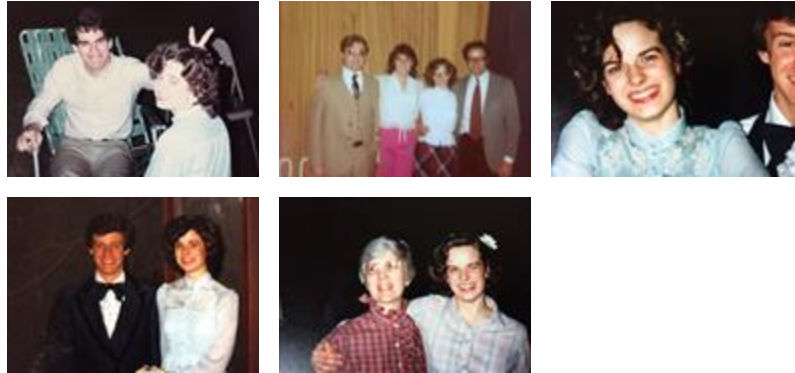
“ Sr. Maria,  
I knew you in high school as Donna. You became one of my closest friends. I loved your laugh and your beautiful smile. We sang together, shared classes and went to senior prom together with Ed Emmerling and Dave Beitz. Thank you for the wonderful memories. I miss you. I wish we could have met once more before you went to be with Jesus.

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**Jenny Beitz** - January 15, 2017 at 03:12 PM

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Jenny Beitz - January 15, 2017 at 03:04 PM

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Jenny Beitz - January 15, 2017 at 02:59 PM

MS

“ I miss you, Cousin Donna. So glad I was able to chat with her twice this year. Your laughter will forever be with me. God blessed us with you in our extended family. You are a great example of holiness and your willingness to accept the Lord's Will is exemplary. God bless you and may you rest in peace. - Love, Cousin Mark Schutte

Mark Schutte - December 18, 2016 at 08:12 PM

CP

“ *Sister was the best math teacher I ever had. God rest her soul.*

*C. Pirozzi*

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**Chris Pirozzi** - December 12, 2016 at 09:41 AM