

Sister M. Martina Sams
March 18, 1917 – June 16, 1989



Secular Name: (Maryann) Bernice
Entrance: August 12, 1936
Place of Birth: Cleveland OH
Parents: Michael and Pauline
Victor, Joseph,
Elizabeth, Helen
Elementary School: St. George,
Cleveland OH
High School: Notre Dame Academy
Cleveland OH
Higher Education: Duquesne University
Pittsburgh PA
Degrees: B.A. Education
Pastoral Care Certification

Ministry:

Born in Cleveland Ohio, the former Bernice (Maryann) was Educated at St. George School, Notre Dame Academy Aspirant School and St. Francis Prep School.

As an educator for 42 years, Sister Martina taught kindergarten through 7th grade in New Jersey, Connecticut, California, and Wisconsin, as well as Pittsburgh and Philadelphia in Pennsylvania. She served as the first principal at James LaVelle School in West Mifflin. She was also principal at Mt. St. Peter's School in New Kensington.

In 1979 she began a second career in Pastoral Care. After receiving certification, she served as assistant Chaplain and Assistant Director of the Pastoral Care Department at St. Joseph Hospital in Alton Illinois. After being diagnosed with a terminal illness, Sister Martina returned to the Motherhouse where she remained until her death on June 16, 1989.

“Only in you, O God, will my soul rest.”