

# *Sister M. Alverna Walls (Walutkavich)*

*March 29, 1915 - November 6, 2002*



**Secular Name:** Antoinette Charlotte Monica Walutkavich

**Entered:** August 5, 1931

**Place of Birth:** DuBois, PA

**Parents:** Frank and Petronella Walutkavich

**Siblings:** Bolis, Charles, Ann, Leona (Sister Francesca), and Frank Aloysius

**Elementary School:** St. George, Detroit

**High School:** SFA Prep, Pittsburgh

**Higher Education:** Duquesne University, PA; Hart Music School, Hartford, CT; St. Joseph College, Rochester, NY; Clarissa School of Fashion Design, Pittsburgh.

**Degrees:** BA and MA, Duquesne University

**Certification:** Teaching; Fashion Design; Music

## **Ministry:**

Sister Alverna's teaching assignments were in Hartford, CT; Rochester, NY; Elizabeth NJ; Grand Rapids, MI; Detroit, MI; Pittsburgh and schools in the Pittsburgh area. She returned to some of these schools a second time around. While Sister taught every grade from kindergarten through eighth grade, most of her fifty-one years of teaching were spent at the intermediate level. In addition to teaching, she served as both principal and local superior during her years in Detroit.

Sister Alverna excelled in many talents. She sang, was an accomplished musician, sewed, knitted, crocheted, and constantly created beauty in one form or another. She was an excellent educator and cook. She was proud of her Lithuanian heritage and directed and created lavish costumes used by dancing troupes at the annual United We Sing event at the Syria Mosque and at Carnegie Music Hall. Teaching the Lithuanian language, folk dancing, and Lithuanian art forms were her delight. She and her sister, Sister M. Francesca, served on various committees, including the University of Pittsburgh Lithuanian Room Committee.

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