

Sister Maria Sofia Pereira de Souza

October 19, 1936 - September 22, 2022



Civil name: Edwiges Pereira de Souza
Entrance: February 2nd 1954
Place of birth: Brasópolis, MG
Parents: Catulino Pereira de Souza Sophia Pereira de Faria
Siblings: João P. de Faria; Mario P. de Faria; Joaquim P. de Faria; José P. de Faria Sobrinho; Benedito P. de Faria; Vitor P. de Faria; Artur P. de Souza; Antônio M. de Faria; Isaac P. de Faria; Raquel B. de Souza; Damaris B. de Souza; Miriam B. de Souza; Dorcas B. de Souza

Courses: Middle School–MG; Nursing assistant-MG;
Accounting Technician- MG- Nursing Technician -MG



Ministries:

Sister Sofia began her Religious Life in 1954 as an aspirant in São Paulo. She came from the south of Minas Gerais, where she lived with her father, stepmother and some of her brothers. Her early years as a temporary professed were dedicated to formal education in Vila Zelina, SP.

As a temporary professed Sister, Sofia was sent with other Sisters to Pedro Leopoldo, MG where the Congregation would co-minister the Dr. Eugênio Gomes de Carvalho Maternity Hospital. It was there that Sister Sofia discovered her vocation for healthcare.

In our hospital, Sister Sofia worked for 30 years in the maternity ward where she helped many mothers give birth to their children and also in the nursery taking care of the first days of life of babies.

After leaving work at the hospital, Sister Sofia assumed pastoral ministry in the rural communities, being sent as a missionary in Tutoia - MA; Agua Branca - PI; New Venice - SP; Guajará Mirim - RO; Santana de Parnaíba - SP, where she collaborated in the work of the community and manual work. She returned to the Paz e Bem Community where she helped meet the needs of the elderly Sisters. She died on September 22, 2022, being faithful to her commitment as a consecrated religious in this Congregation.



*"Just as God is proud of His sons and daughters,
for the good that we do in His name, I am proud to belong to this Congregation,
which has done so much good, in the name of God, for life of His people."*