



Sister Mary Lillian Rutkowski

August 7, 2020

Sister Mary Lillian (Jane) Rutkowski, 88, of Syracuse, died peacefully in her sleep at Central Park Health Center. She was born on February 9, 1932, and was the only daughter of the late Stella B. (Kuciejewski) and John G. Rutkowski.

Sister Lillian had a lifelong desire for religious life and she joined the Felician Sisters Immaculate Heart of Mary congregation after completing high school. She received a M.A. in Religious Education in 1972.

After taking her final vows, Sister Lillian worked as an educator in the Community of the Felician Sisters and Franciscan Covenant Community (non-canonical) at various school districts in New York and Massachusetts. She returned to Syracuse in the 1980s to care for her father and mother.

She is survived by her first cousin, Karen Sasgen of St. Augustine, Florida, and several nieces and nephews.

The final celebration of Sister Lillian's earthly life will be held at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Syracuse,- Private- followed by interment at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Geddes.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery, Geddes

200 Salisbury St.
Geddes, NY, NY 13219

Tribute Wall



“ *Sister Mary Lillian Rutkowski*

January 28, 2023 at 02:06 PM

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“ *P.S. My phone number is 941-203-9140 and my email is edroot31@gmail.com.
Paul Root*

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“ *It is sad to know that Sr. Lillian is no longer on this earth but good to know that she is finally with Jesus. I had gotten to know Sr. Lillian when I lived at 848 Park Ave for many years. I remember Sr. Lillian and her mother walking to Sacred Heart every Sunday for Mass. And she had the best kept home in the 800 block! When I moved from Park Ave to Strathmore, Sr. Lillian surprised me with housewarming gifts that were in her possession for many years, which I treasure today. I would be honored to attend her funeral if it is permissible.*

paul root - August 14, 2020 at 10:49 PM

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“ *I am saddened to hear of Sr. Lillian's passing. I was her tenant due a few years and she was nothing but gracious. I visited her as often as I could after I moved and Lao at the extended care facility . Sadly, but often enough and unfortunately not this past spring. Bringing china teacups and a pot of tea and treats was a favorite way to visit with her and Sr. Maurice. I do wish I could attend her service and burial. I can be found on Facebook (message me) if her family doesn't mind if I attend. Better yet , text me 315-420-6347, please. She was special to me.
Lynn Nares*

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Excuse the typos! It should read 'for' a few years and 'not' often enough

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