

Sister Mary Rose Mitchell

Entered eternal life on October 15, 2019

We come, today, to celebrate the life of Sister Mary Rose Mitchell. Mary Rose has been a member of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth for 72 years, serving faithfully in the ministries of education, healthcare and parish social concerns.

It's the latter ministry that is the one she would often talk about:

In the early 1990s' Mary Rose became a caretaker for her Aunt who lived in Pleasant Mount, PA, and she quickly became involved in St. John the Evangelist Parish in Honesdale, PA, where she eventually became the Parish Minister for Social Concerns. In her 8 years there she lived out the Charism of Charity In very concrete ways from caring for humans to cows! She was greatly loved and valued by many in the community. After briefly ministering in Paterson at St. Frances Residence and at St. Joseph Hospital, she retired to the Motherhouse in 2001 and then, in 2012, because of health became a resident at the Villa.



I came to know Mary Rose when I came to Convent in 2003 – she was so gracious to me and offered to help me in whatever way she could. She invited me to go with her to the Jewish Center in West Orange where she faithfully went for exercise especially for swimming. I did it a few times, but scheduling became difficult, so I had to give it up. (At least that was my excuse!). In our encounters she would often speak of her nephew, Billy – she was a wonderful caregiver to him for many years. He predeceased her by just three weeks.

Let us, then, celebrate this woman who was worthy of the name she bears, Sister of Charity.

Mary Rose, we thank you for all the good you did for so many in your 72 years as a faithful Sister of Charity and we know that our gracious God has welcomed you home with open arms. May you know eternal rest and peace.

Maureen Shaughnessy, S.C.