



Sister Maher

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Sister Mary Margaret Maher died peacefully at the Ursuline Queen of Peace Healthcare Center in Alton, Illinois, on July 11, 2013.

She was born in Assumption, Illinois on September 13, 1918 the daughter of the late Ralph C. and Margaret (Bradley) Maher.

She was preceded in death by three sisters: Alice Regina Behl, Edith Lucille Kilgour, and Florence Theresa Tilghman; and three brothers: James William Maher, Ralph Cornelius Maher, and Joseph Anthony Maher.

Sister received her secondary education at Ursuline Academy in Kirkland, Missouri and entered the Ursuline Sisters in July of 1935, making her vows on January 16, 1938. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Fontbonne College in St. Louis, Missouri, and Masters Degrees at St. Louis University and Loyola University in Chicago. This training led her to a variety of ministry assignments in Decatur, Springfield, Alton, and Chicago, Illinois; Swatow, China; Havana, Cuba; Jennings, Kirkwood, and DeSoto, Missouri; Laredo, Texas; and Frontenac, Minnesota. She served as teacher and administrator in Ursuline and parish schools, missionary in China and Cuba, religious community administrator, and religious educator. In 2001, she chose to come to the Queen of Peace Healthcare Center in Alton, Illinois where she spent her final years.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ursuline Convent Chapel, 845 Danforth Street, Alton, Illinois. Reverend Jim Walther, O. M.V. will preside. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Memorials may be made to the Queen of Peace Healthcare Center, 845 Danforth Street, Alton, Illinois, 62002.

Staten-Fine Funeral Home in Alton will be handling the arrangements.

Online condolences and a guestbook may be found at www.staten-fine.com