



## Sr. Mary Richard Mehelich SHS

February 5, 1924 - July 17, 2021

Sister Mary Richard Mehelich, SHS, well-known for her musical and artistic abilities, entered her eternal rest on July 17, 2021 at VCS Marian Manor.

A graduate of Duquesne's School of Music, she had delighted many with her performances as an outstanding violinist. For most of her teaching ministry she taught in Pittsburgh at Holy Ghost High School where she directed many musical productions and instilled the love of art in her students.

She served as General Superior of Sisters of the Holy Spirit and following her term of office, she resumed teaching at Immaculate Conception School in Bloomfield. Upon retiring from teaching, she became director of the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, retreat center at the Motherhouse.

After seventeen years Sister retired from that position and began, once again, painting china. She continued her work as accomplished artist until she moved to Marian Manor.

Sister Mary Richard is preceded in death by her parents, Rose Mickelic Mehelich and Robert B. Mehelich; and four siblings, Rose Mehelich Snead, John, Joseph, and Frank. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at St. Sebastian Church, 311 Siebert Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 from 3pm until the time of Funeral Mass at 4pm. Burial to remain private.

# Cemetery Details

## Sisters of the Holy Spirit Cemetery

5246 Clarwin Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15229

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 20. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Sebastian Church  
311 Siebert Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

## Mass

JUL 20. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sr. Mary Richard Mehelich SHS*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Sr. Mary Richard Mehelich SHS*

October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Sr. Richard was one of the best teachers. She truly was a gifted person with her art her teaching and her musical talents. It sure was a blessing having her as a teacher.*

**Diane Werbanec (Charnock)** - August 26, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *She was the reason I loved singing church music and eventually became a Cantor in eighth grade she was the choir Director of immaculate conception in Bloomfield and I learned how much I loved gods beautiful music*

**beth** - July 22, 2021 at 05:22 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sr. Mary Richard Mehelich SHS.*

July 19, 2021 at 02:34 PM



CS

“ Am very glad that I visited her a couple of years ago. Sr. Richard remembered me and talked about all the cards she got from the many students she taught and how she wished she were able to write back. She was a gentle soul and I am glad that I knew her.  
*Carole Shanahan, Holy Ghost H.S., Class of '63*

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**c shanahan** - July 19, 2021 at 05:51 AM

GD

“ When I heard the news of my great Aunt and Sister in Christ been called home to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I was only saddened momentarily. I was sad perhaps that one person didn't have that opportunity to have their lives touched by her. Sister Richard is such a genuine, selfless soul. If one had the opportunity to meet her, she had an indescribable peace about her. This peace was her being filled with The Holy Spirit, tirelessly and selflessly serving God. He was gracious enough to have blessed this world with her for 97 years. Her work here on earth is done and now she walks golden streets with God and still glorifying Him in a blissful way our minds can't comprehend. I look forward to the moment I reunite with her. May you take that well deserved Rest in Peace now 🙏❤️

*In His Grip,*

*Greg DeArden*

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**Greg DeArden** - July 19, 2021 at 04:36 AM

JS

“ Sister Richard was an angel. I still have the beautiful rock she painted with my name on it. Rest in heaven .

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**Jasmine Shaughnessy** - July 19, 2021 at 12:42 AM

LB

“ When I reminisce about my high school years at Holy Ghost, Sister Richard stands out to me the most. She was an awesome teacher. She was so smart and talented. I really looked up to her. She made a positive impact on me as a young girl and it was a privilege to have been taught by her. Thank you sister for your dedication and hard work.

One of your many students,

Lois Hallstein

Rest In Peace Sister

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**Lois Boul** - July 18, 2021 at 10:41 PM

JC

“ Sister Richard rest in peace angel...Rip.

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**Jean miller chaffee** - July 18, 2021 at 09:00 PM

NL

“ Sister Richard will always be iconic for me. Brilliant musician and artist. Her painted china were always the highest money maker at charity events. Everyone wanted them. My mother and aunt knew her from her childhood. Since I'm a Holy Ghost alumna, I've known her since my teen years. When I think of the wonderful days I spent, they are always centered on music and art. Clearly her influence was there.

So rest now! You have served the Lord well! God Speed. !

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**Nina Mulè Lyons** - July 18, 2021 at 08:27 PM

AF

“ Our deepest condolences, Sister Mary Richard was loved and respected by the students and parents at Immaculate Conception School located in the Bloomfield area of Pittsburgh. My 5 children speak fondly of her when reminiscing of their elementary school days. She was a positive force in the educational development of children.

*Thank you sister for your dedication to children and to your commitment to teaching.*

*Rest In Peace. ☩*

*The Falcione Family*

*Immaculate Conception Parish - Bloomfield*

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**Anna Falcione** - July 18, 2021 at 07:55 PM