

Sister Hannah Collins SUSC

(Sister Nora William)

February 17, 1934 – January 6, 2024



Sister Hannah Collins, SUSC, a resident of the Fall River Jewish Home, died January 6 at the age of ninety. Born in New York City on February 17, 1934, she was the daughter of the late William and Nora (Mahoney) Collins.

In addition to her Holy Union Sisters, she is survived by her brother William of New York City, sister-in-law Muriel Collins of Long Island, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews and her dear friend, Kathleen Shatus of Baltimore. She was pre-deceased by her brothers Dennis and Thomas.

Sister Hannah graduated from the Holy Union Preparatory School in Tiverton RI. She earned a B.A. in Education from the College of the Sacred Hearts, Fall River, a M. Ed. from Bridgewater State College and did graduate studies at Loyola College, Baltimore.

Sister Hannah joined the Holy Union Sisters on February 2, 1951, and professed her final vows on August 22, 1959. At the time of her death, she had been a Holy Union Sister for seventy-two years. Her teaching ministry spanned over forty years in parish schools staffed by her religious community in Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York. She served as Formation Director for the Holy Union Sisters who were part of an intercongregational community of sisters studying in Washington D.C. She later moved to New York City where she was the receptionist in the Cardinal's Office for the Archdiocese of New York and later was secretary to the Vicars for Religious in the Archdiocese.

In November 2021, Sister Hannah joined the Holy Union Sisters residing at Prosper Fall River and moved to the Fall River Jewish Home in November 2022 when she needed further care.

A visitation will be held at 9 a.m. in St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River, followed by a Memorial Prayer Service at 9:40 a.m. and Mass of Christian Burial at 10 o'clock. Burial will be later on Long Island, New York.

Donations in Sister Hannah's memory may be made to the Holy Union Sisters Mission Advancement Office, 205 Bedford St., Fall River MA 02720.

*The wise men were guided by the light of a star
during their long journey to Bethlehem.
Throughout her long life, Hannah was guided
by the light of faith and
arrived at a place of everlasting peace
on the Feast of the Epiphany*