



## Sister Marina Rose (Virginia Parisi)

July 6, 1932 - November 15, 2021

On November 15, 2021 Sister Marina Rose Parisi (nee Virginia Catherine Parisi), a very lively 89-year-old Toppenish WA resident, passed away unexpectedly at Trios Kennewick Hospital, less than two days after a sudden attack of severe pancreatitis. A member of the Catholic order of Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary for more than 66 years, she was born in an Italian immigrant farming community in upstate New York (Clayville) in 1932. From 1939 – 1945 her family was in Italy where she attended her first five grades. After two years back in upstate New York, the family moved to Seattle where she graduated from Immaculate High School. After joining the SNJM Sisters, she started her life's primary ministry of teaching little children, mostly poor or underserved, and also teaching religion and sacramental preparation. After 19 years in western Washington and Oregon, she went to Peru, became fluent in her third language, Spanish, and served for 17 years as teacher and principal in Arequipa. On returning to the USA, she served in Wapato as Director of Religious Education, retired after 14 years and moved to Toppenish. She was still serving as SNJM Mission Centre Coordinator for Yakima Valley SNJM Sisters and Associates and volunteering as singing teacher at Heritage University's Early Learning Center. Her Parisi family relatives in western Washington and in southern California were very important to her, and she frequently called or wrote to them. Her parents and several siblings preceded her in death. Her sister Mary Kurfess and brother Salvatore Parisi, as well as numerous devoted nieces and nephews, survive

her. Her Rosary is at Colonial Funeral Home, Toppenish, Friday, 4:00 pm. The funeral Mass is on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 1:00 pm, at St. Aloysius Church, followed by a celebratory gathering in the parish hall.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

7200 N Wall St  
Spokane, WA 99208

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **19**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home  
228 S. Alder  
Toppenish, WA

## Service

NOV **20**. 1:00 PM (PT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church  
213 N. Beech Street  
Toppenish,, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sister Marina Rose (Virgina Parisi)*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *I was sitting at the dining room table on New Years Day 2022, when I mentioned to my daughter that I didn't receive a card from Sr. Marina Rose this year and she ALWAYS remembered me and the family at Christmas. Immediately my daughter typed in her name "on line" and found that she had passed in November. We were both just so saddened at finding this out. Sr. Marina Rose was always so supportive of our family. She taught our two girls when they were in 1st grade & literally kept up with them all the way through high school and beyond. She was loved by us all. I pray that after her life long years of service that she will rest in eternal peace. May our Lord look with favor upon our dear Sr. Marina Rose!*  
*Wanda A. Williams*  
*formerly living in Seattle, WA - now Fort Mill, SC*

**Wanda A. Williams** - January 01, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sister Marina Rose (Virgina Parisi).*



November 19, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sister Marina Rose (Virgina Parisi).



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November 18, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ Virginia was a good lady. She impressed many folks by being very focused on tasks that she set out to accomplish. To view her from afar, one might think that she was stern and unyielding. Not true. To get to know her, you would discover a very friendly, caring individual. A lady with much ❤️. A lady truly worthwhile and genuine. She had a beautiful smile! I feel blessed to have gotten to know her. And, that she was a part of my life.  
Prayers and blessings,  
Karen Lommers

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**Karen Lommers** - November 18, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ Bernice Owens lit a candle in memory of Sister Marina Rose (Virgina Parisi)



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**Bernice Owens** - November 17, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ I can not believe it Sister Parisi was and is a beautiful soul God Bless her She was always on top of things at the meetings

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**Anita Limon MA** - November 17, 2021 at 05:48 PM

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“ *Sister Marie you are in my thoughts and prayers. You were such a warmth and caring individual. I loved your expression when you laughed. Always that busy body trying to get things done. Thank you for the desserts that you made and shared at our SNJM meetings. Love & hugs Associate Irene Torres*

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**Irene Torres** - November 17, 2021 at 03:13 PM