

# Sister Marlene McQueeney, former Mooney teacher

Sister Marlene McQueeney, a Sister of Mercy and Cardinal Mooney High School teacher, died July 25 of congestive heart failure at Auburn Memorial Hospital. She was 55.



An Auburn native, Sister McQueeney was born Nov. 29, 1933. She was a member of Auburn's Holy Family Parish and graduated from Holy Family High School in 1951. She went on to earn an associate's degree from Catherine McAuley Junior College (1956), a bachelor's degree in education from Nazareth College (1960), and a master's degree in political science from the University of Dayton, Ohio (1971).

Sister McQueeney entered the Mercy congregation Sept. 8, 1951, and professed perpetual vows on Aug. 16, 1957.

In 1954, Sister McQueeney began her teaching career at St. Charles Borromeo School, Rochester, where she taught for three years. Sister McQueeney also taught for stints at St. Thomas the Apostle, Rochester (1957-58); St. Patrick's, Owego

(1958-61); St. Ann's, Hornell (1961-64); and Notre Dame High School, Elmira (1964-68).

Sister McQueeney began teaching social studies at Cardinal Mooney High School in 1968, and remained at the school until it closed in June, 1989. At Mooney, she was also involved with Junior Achievement and was the cheerleading coach for several years. The Mooney cheerleading team won the Section 5 championship five times during her tenure.

After Cardinal Mooney closed, Sister McQueeney was hired as religious-education coordinator at Sacred Heart Parish in Auburn. On July 22, she had just returned from a two-week trip to Ireland with a niece, a trip that had "always been a dream of hers," according to Sister Kathleen Milliken, a member of the Sisters of Mercy Council.

A lover of politics, Sister McQueeney volunteered with Young Democrats in Auburn from 1947-51. In 1975, she was one of 20 religious who participated in a six-week summer internship program in Washington, D.C., run by Network, an

organization working to promote justice through structural change. In 1977, she attended the National Council of Churches political convention, and in the summers of 1977 and 1978 worked with the Judicial Process Commission of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries in Rochester.

Sister McQueeney is survived by her mother, Margaret McQueeney, of Auburn;

a brother, Joseph F. McQueeney, of Auburn; several nieces and nephews; a niece-in-law; and a great-niece.

Mass of Christian Burial for Sister McQueeney was celebrated at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse on Saturday, July 29. She was interred at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Auburn.

## Food cupboard

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cies, such as Action for a Better Community and the Department of Social Services.

The director also said that many of the SWEM Cupboard's recipients are waiting to hear if they are eligible for food stamps, or are in transition from one household to another. A number of recipients are disabled, he said, and he estimated that 20-25 percent are over the age of 60. Many others are working in minimum-wage jobs.

Comegys said donors are generous during the holiday season, but forget about the food cupboards during the summer. "August is the doldrums. Everyone's off vacationing somewhere else," he remarked.

The director noted that the food cupboard currently has enough money to make it to the third week of this month, but he was apprehensive about the cupboard's

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cash flow beyond that point. "At the end of August, we'll be up against the wall," he said.

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