

# **Sister Mary Alice Ashton, O.S.F.**

A funeral Mass for Sister Mary Alice Ashton, O.S.F. (formerly Sister Robert Ann), was offered June 19 at St. Anthony of Padua and Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Baltimore. Monsignor Joseph L. Luca, pastor of St. Louis, Clarksville, officiated.

Sister Mary Alice died June 12; she was 67 and a professed member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia for 39 years. A native of Baltimore, she was a parishioner of Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Homeland.

Before entering the convent in 1965, she graduated from Mount St. Agnes High School, Mount Washington, and taught at St. Elizabeth School in Baltimore. Sister Mary Alice professed her first vows in 1968.

She served primarily as a teacher and principal in elementary education, her career spanning several dioceses: 16 years in the Diocese of Charleston; seven years in the Diocese of Oakland; four years in the Diocese of Wilmington; four years in the Diocese of Orlando; and eight years in the Archdiocese of Baltimore at St. Anthony of Padua School (now Mother Mary Lange Catholic School); St. Joseph School, Fullerton; and Father Charles Hall Middle School in Baltimore.

At the time of her death, the nun was traveling from California to begin a new ministry at The Catholic High School of Baltimore.

Sister Mary Alice is survived by a sister, Sister Susanne Ashton, R.S.M.; two brothers, William Ashton and Peter Ashton; and two step-brothers, Robert Lundquist and Phillip Lundquist.