



Carol Ann Bongaarts

December 21, 1940 - August 27, 2024

Sister Carol Bongaarts, OP

Sister Carol Bongaarts, OP, died Aug. 27, 2024, at her home in Hopkins, Minn. Visitation will be held 10 a.m. Thurs., Sept. 19 at Church of Christ the King, Minneapolis, and her funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Michael Reding officiating. Lunch will be served in the church social hall after Mass. Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

She was born Dec. 21, 1940, to Joseph and Margaret (Moorman) Bongaarts in Buffalo Lake, Minn. She professed vows with the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa in 1966 and received the religious name Sister Vincent de Paul. She earned her BA in elementary education and MA in elementary education administration from Marycrest College, Davenport, Ia.

Sister Carol's ministry was dedicated to teaching and educational administration. In Minnesota, Sister Carol ministered as principal at Epiphany School, Coon Rapids, and St. Bartholomew School, Wayzata. She served in faith formation at St. Henry Parish, Monticello, and volunteered at Carondelet Catholic School, Minneapolis. In Illinois, she taught at St. Malachy School, Geneseo, and Visitation School, Kewanee. In Wisconsin, she served as coordinator at St. Dennis School, Madison; was principal at St. Jerome School, Columbus; and volunteered for many summers at Camp WeHaKee,

Winter. She has also ministered in Oklahoma and was principal at St. Martin de Porres School, Columbia, S.C. Sister Carol is remembered by many cousins, friends, and families whose lives she touched during her many years of teaching and sharing her faith.

Sister Carol was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by two brothers, Vince (Patty) and Alan (Sue); a sister, Gail (Steve) Moll; 11 nieces and nephews and 18 great-nieces and nephews with whom she shared a special, loving bond; and her Dominican Sisters. Memorials may be made to the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, 585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, Wis., or given online at www.sinsinawa.org/donate.

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Carol Bongaarts in memory of Carol Ann Bongaarts



Washburn-McReavy - September 18, 2024 at 07:53 AM



“ Sister Carol

always received unconditional respect from staff, students, and their parents at every place she worked at.

Our family and my cousins and her nephews and nieces and her friends were so blessed to have her presence over the holidays and at the special and not so special occasions over the past 60 years.

There was no shortage of games played, stories told, arts and crafts, yard games---you name it—she brought it on. Favorite Baby-Kid-Adult- “SITTER”

She was one of my favorite Aunts. She will be missed by many.

But not her Divine faith.

First Nephew Mike Bongaarts

mike bongaarts - September 20, 2024 at 11:07 AM

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“ Here is a link to the livestream of Sister Carol's funeral.
<https://vimeo.com/event/4586300>

Joanne Bongaarts - September 18, 2024 at 07:22 PM

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“ Carol was my brother's godmother I remember her visiting our house when we were children over 50 years ago. My condolences to her family.

Tim Maher - September 12, 2024 at 01:46 AM

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“ She was a wonderful friend and helped my husband and I through a rough time in our marriage, May she rest in peace Joy Vander Sanden from St. Jerome's Columbus Wi.

Joy Vander Sanden - September 02, 2024 at 10:13 AM