



Maureen Ann Mashek

June 26, 1926 - March 6, 2018

Mashek, Maureen Ann

Age 89 of Carondelet Village, St. Paul, died on March 6th, 2018. Born in Fargo, North Dakota June 26, 1928. Preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Irene Mashek of St. Paul, MN; brother, John Mashek, of Washington, DC; and aunt, Mildred Mashek Meyer, of North Dakota. Survived by sister-in-law, Sara Mashek, of Washington, DC; four Mashek nephews and their families: Jim, David (Maureen), Tom (Helen), Bill (Marianne); as well as their children and many cousins.

Maureen graduated from Washington H.S., Sioux Falls, SD, 1946; received a BA from the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul in 1950; an MA from Catholic University, Washington, DC in 1963; did further studies at the University of Iowa, University of the Pacific, University of Minnesota, and the St. Thomas University.

Maureen taught English, speech, and theater for 42 years in metro area high schools. As a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, she taught at St. Joseph's Academy in St. Paul and the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield. She also taught at several Minneapolis public schools: Central, South, and Southwest. She taught part-time at Normandale Community College; managed a magnet program for MPLS Public Schools; taught teachers in the Republic of Belarus, one of the former republics of the USSR, in the spring of 1995; and conducted workshops for Minneapolis public school teachers. She was a consultant at the Guthrie Theater, Walker Art Center, and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

In 2011, Maureen became a consociate in the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Funeral Mass 3/15/2018 at 11AM at Our Lady of the Presentation Chapel, 1884 Randolph Ave, St. Paul, MN. Visitation 1 HR prior.

Memorials are preferred to St. Catherine University, St. Paul.

Tribute Wall

KD

“ To the friends and family of Sr. Irenaeus- sincere condolences on the report that she has died. I am a 1967 graduate of Holy Angels Academy. What wonderful memories I have of her teaching skills, directing aptitude, creative energy and her strong interpersonal communication. Thoughts of her have often come to me over the years - at the strangest times. She had a tremendous influence on me! Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. Peace to you all.
Kitty Lapierre Duplessie, BSN

katherine Lapierre Duplessie - March 17, 2018 at 02:32 PM

 Denise Bickers

“ *Denise Bickers lit a candle in memory of Maureen Ann Mashek*



Denise Bickers - March 15, 2018 at 11:40 AM

 Denise Bickers

Heartbroken that I cannot be there to celebrate the amazing life that you lived, and will forever be remembered for. I am going to miss you dearly, and love you so very much Maureen.

Denise Bickers - March 15, 2018 at 11:42 AM

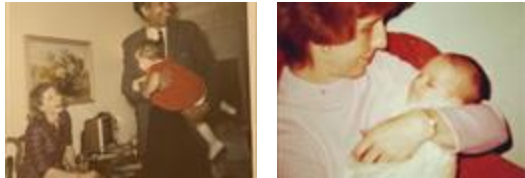
JL

“ *Sr. Ireneaus had a very large influence on my life and maturity. She brought out many things in me that I doubt would ever have happened without her presence. She helped me to know what I was capable of and what I deserved in Life. Thank you so much SI.*
Jill Roberts Loch RN

Jill Loch - March 14, 2018 at 11:18 PM

 Denise
Bickers

“ *Maureen was so much more than just my Godmother. She was an educator to many, an inspiration to all, a cat lover, a Christmas decoration admirer, an adamant reader, world traveler, Guthrie theater advocate, and so very much more. There will never be another as humble, loving, full of humor and cultured as she was. She loved and will be remembered by so many. I love you Maureen. I am going to miss you dearly, but am comforted in knowing that you will always be with me.*



Denise Bickers - March 14, 2018 at 01:22 AM

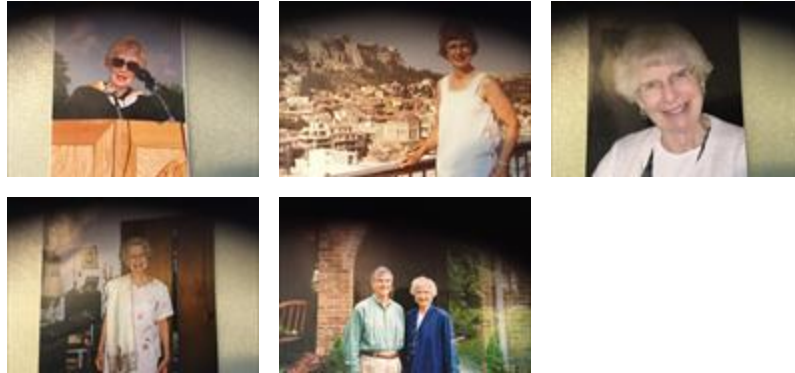
AB

I thought of you instantly. I am so sorry for your loss. She adored you. Always spoke about you. I would not be who I am without her. My daughter is going to be an English teacher like her, and I know Ms. Mashek is the reason why. Xx

Amy Banks - March 14, 2018 at 03:25 AM

RA

“ 7 files added to the album *Sharing pics of Maureen!*



Ranae - March 13, 2018 at 09:17 AM

AB

“ *Ms. Mashek was more than a teacher, she was a mentor and advocate. She saw potential and nurtured students from all backgrounds. Ms. Mashek was my AP English and Art Smart English teacher, which was collaborative program with the Minneapolis Institute of Art and South High School. She was innovative and kind, very progressive and way ahead of her time including multicultural literature in her AP English course work. The power of a teacher is a sacred thing and she personified this. Rest in Power Ms.Mashek!! Thank you so much. You will be missed and adored. God bless you.*

Amy Banks - March 12, 2018 at 08:57 AM

GT

“ I fell in love with Shakespeare due to Sr. Ireneaus. My Sr. Ireneaus' love of poetry carried me into teaching poetry. She talked about the "Poet's Corner" in a cathedral in London. Westminster? In 1986 or so, I went to London and visited the Poet's Corner. There were all the names she told me about. I was thrilled. I still have my English Literature book from Holy Angels. You "Ireneasured" me with a thirst for literature. Thank you. Your presence at our 50th reunion in 2016 was the frosting on the cake! I love you. Now heaven is alive with your beauty.

Glo Tonskemper - March 10, 2018 at 04:37 PM

SG

“ I cannot imagine who I would be today is SI had not been in my life.

Susan Wedl Graceman

Susan Graceman - March 10, 2018 at 02:20 PM

FD

“ Maureen contacted me years after graduation from AHA. She needed some assistance. I was honored she called me. She lived near Franklin Ave @ the time. After I moved out of State, we got together for lunch on occasion. We exchanged Christmas cards over the years, too. My sister Eileen Deaner and she were also great friends.

I worked with her as Assistant Director when AHA produced "Brigadoon". That was a great experience for me! I also played in "Moor Born" which she directed. She contributed so much to the Mpls-St Paul Arts community. It was an honor to know Maureen.

Dear Maureen, "Break a leg" in God's house.

Florrie Deaner - March 10, 2018 at 12:13 PM

JS

I will forever be grateful for her sharing her love of Shakespeare with us and introducing us to the Guthrie theater. I remember her classroom at the end of the hall as always a place of creativity. She was a gift to our AHA community. Jeanne Fleming Sedgwick '66

Jeanne Sedgwick - March 10, 2018 at 03:24 PM