



Sister Mary Louise Sferra

January 16, 1929 - June 30, 2020

With deep gratitude for a remarkable life we are saddened to announce the death of Mary L. Sferre on Tuesday, June 30 at Flagler Hospital.

Mary was born in Syracuse NY on January 16, 1929 and has been in ministry in northern Florida since 1983. She was pre-deceased by her parents Umberto and Emilia Sferra and her brothers David and Albert. She is survived by Mary Steves, her dear friend and companion on life's journey, her sister and brother-in-law Mary and Alvin Koch, one niece Cindy Munafo, five nephews Jay and Luke Sferra and Ron, David and Bob Koch and their families, the Steves family and especially her precious Kristina Smarrelli, her Community and multitudes of friends and loved ones who are grieving her loss.

Mary was a Teacher, Principal and Social Worker and the last forty-five years was the wise therapist, teacher, mentor to more than we know... She was Growth Pointe Marriage and Family Therapy and Training Center and there she nurtured hearts and minds and souls. Actually she was a presence wherever she went.

Mary was a Sister of St. Francis and a Sister for Christian Community and lived the Franciscan spirit throughout her life!

We want to honor her with an Ecumenical Memorial Service here in St. Augustine as soon as circumstances allow. There will be a Memorial Mass at the Franciscan Villa in Syracuse, NY at a later date.

In her honor “stay connected with one another, learn lessons each day in living; do it again and again and forever again.”

Tribute Wall

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“ I Just found a notebook from one of the first Family Life classes I took with Sis Mary Sferre (Fall 1989) in the Counselor Education program @the University of North FL. I was so touched by her vast knowledge, insightful experience, balanced spirituality and caring spirit and demeanor that I continued taking all the System-focused classes she taught, in addition to my expected load. The memories were so powerful, I decided to look her up and found this Obit. I so regret not having attended one of her seminars at Growth Pointe as she had invited me to do when I reconnected with her after many years out of state. I am for ever grateful for the impact she had in my life as a counselor still in practice.

Much peace and blessings on her family as they treasure the meaningful impact she had on so many and will continue to have through them.

Ginette E Olsen, LPC

Ginette Eustache Olsen - September 08, 2023 at 12:17 AM

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“ Sisters Mary and Mary and I met in one of our doctoral classes at Columbia in the early 80's. She was a lovely person and a Lady of God. Mary, be blessed!

Ron Martin

Ronald E Martin - February 01, 2021 at 09:18 AM

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“ My mother, Pearl Sand, who was Jewish, and Sister Mary Sferra exchanged Christmas cards for many years since meeting at, I think, an Elder Hostel. I just wrote a card to tell Mary about my mother's passing in July at 102, Covid-involved. I realized that before I sent it that I should see if Mary was still with us, and saw her obituary. It made me very sad, though I had never met her. All these losses....

Janet Sand - December 19, 2020 at 12:49 PM

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“ I remember Sister Mary so well. I received some counseling from her back in the day and she was so insightful and kind. I also remember her sweet dog Duke from when she lived in Syracuse. Prayers and fond thoughts to her friends and family.
Elaine Taddeo

Taddeo Elaine - July 12, 2020 at 06:01 PM