



## Sister Miriam Oberti O.C.D.

August 1, 1933 - May 17, 2020

Sister Miriam of Jesus, O.C.D., 86, was called home to God on Sunday morning, May 17, 2020 in the Discalced Carmelite Monastery in Danvers, where she prayed, worked, and lived for the last sixty years.

Born Barbara A. Oberti in Haverhill on August 1, 1933, she was the daughter of the late Ralph and Margaret (Cannon) Oberti. She was raised in Haverhill and graduated from Saint Elizabeth's School of Nursing and Boston College. She worked as a registered nurse before entering the Danvers Carmel on January 31, 1960. She received the Carmelite habit on August 27, 1960 and was given the religious name Sister Miriam of Jesus. She made her vows on September 8, 1961.

In the monastery, Sister Miriam gave her many gifts and talents in the service to her community. She was a skilled seamstress who made habits and vestments with care. Longtime community provisor, she found great joy working in the vegetable garden and preserving her harvest so the community had vegetables year-round. She also loved caring for the monastery's dogs, for whom there was a special mutual affection.

She served as the sacristan for many years, where her care of vestments and linens for Mass was meticulous. In this role, she was able to develop dear friendships with the many priests who celebrate daily Mass for the nuns, and she prayed especially for priests and vocations.

Sister Miriam's kindness, thoughtfulness, and patience with the younger members of the community made her a natural teacher, whether it be sharing advice about cooking, sewing techniques, or matters of faith and spirituality.

Sister had a quick wit and delightful sense of humor, a special asset to any community life. She loved being with the community and pitched in generously wherever help was needed. During the past ten years as health problems made it much more difficult for her to get around, she was a beautiful inspiration to all who knew her by gracefully accepting

her pain and increasing limitations, and by her persevering efforts to keep doing as much as she could for others. Her community will certainly miss her greatly.

In addition to her beloved Carmelite sisters, she leaves a niece, Margaret Smithers and her children Chad and Amy and Amy's family, and her cousins Dr. Frank Oberti and Mary Louise Conte and her family.

Due to restrictions placed on gatherings, funeral rites for Sister Miriam will be held privately and her burial will be in the Discalced Carmelite Nuns Cemetery, Danvers. A Memorial Mass for the public will be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sister Miriam's memory may be made to the Discalced Carmelite Nuns, 15 Mt. Carmel Rd., Danvers, MA 01923. Arrangements are by C.R. Lyons & Sons Funeral Directors, 28 Elm St., Danvers Square. To share a message of sympathy, please visit [www.LyonsFuneral.com](http://www.LyonsFuneral.com).

To view Sister Miriam's Funeral Mass, go to <https://youtu.be/BmabaUnlZS8>

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Lyons Funeral Home** - May 24 at 09:41 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Sister Miriam. So many of the original sisters who founded the Danvers Carmel have gone on to be with God. I remember them all with fondness and love. I met Sister Miriam at her profession and celebrated at her her 25Th anniversary Mass. I'm so glad that her funeral Mass was on YouTube. I watched this afternoon. Love and prayers to all of you.

Carol Donovan

**Carol Donovan** - July 06 at 06:40 PM

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“ Dear Sisters,  
Your Sisters in St. Louis share your grief and joy at the entrance of Sister Miriam into heaven. I will not forget meeting Sr. Miriam, how she would look at you with that grin of hers and and say EXACTLY what she thought-- incisively and intelligently! We know you'll miss her greatly. All our prayers!  
Sister Marya, OCD

**Sister Marya** - May 24 at 08:00 AM

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“ My husband and I,  
Philip and Lorraine Kokinis,  
wish to express our deepest  
condolences to the Nuns of  
Danvers Descalced Monastery,  
and Sister Meriam's immediate family.  
Her calling into God's grace  
has now come full circle, as  
our Lord has now lifted her  
unto his presence.  
Sister Miriam has left a legacy  
of religious service, that will be  
admired and revered by all who have been privileged to  
know her. May her memory  
be a gift of light for others that follow.



**Philip J Kokinis** - May 22 at 12:45 PM