

Women's History Month: Sister Jane Gates

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In recognition of Women's History Month we are honoring one of our sisters here at MMS, the late Sister Jane Gates. Sr. Jane was born on December 23, 1927 in Hamburg, NY, the first of eight children. She entered MMS in 1945, made her final profession



of vows in 1955 and graduated from Georgetown University with a doctorate in medicine. She practiced medicine in Ghana and Uganda from 1957 to 1967, then was elected as Superior General of MMS, the first Sister to follow Mother Anna Dengel, the founder of MMS. Sr. Jane lived in Rome, Italy, for six years, guiding the Society through tremendous transitions with humilty and grace before she moved back to the U.S. After taking a refersher course in medicine, she moved to Lumpkin, Georgia in 1977.

In the small town of Lumpkin she started a medical clinic - she was the only doctor serving the community. She, along with the other sisters who lived with her, are loved and revered by the people in Lumpkin until this day. After serving in Lumpkin she moved back to Philadelphia headquarters to serve as the Membership Discernment and Formation Coordinator. She also served two terms as District Coordinator in Eastern North America from 1993 to 1999. Sr. Jane continued to work in archives, the library, and served on various committees. She is loved, admired, respected, and missed by so many within MMS and without. Sr. Jane transitioned to eternal life on February 23. 2022. Her vast legacy throughout MMS and beyond will be felt and remembered for many years.





Left to right, Sr Jane's community: Srs. Patricia Edelen, Eunice Cudzewicz, and Jane Gates

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