

# Sister Irene Good, teacher, 59

Sister Irene Raphael Good, 59, a mathematics teacher and former head of the Middle School at Stone Ridge School, died Tuesday of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease, in the convent of the school.

A teacher at Stone Ridge since 1978, Sister Good led it during the academic year beginning in 1985. Because of the onset of her illness, she returned to, for her, the less stressful job of classroom teaching the following year.

And with her ability to speak failing, she taught by going from desk to desk, amplifying her voice with a microphone.

"Not one of those marvelous children ever took advantage of her," Sister Anne Dyer, Stone Ridge headmistress, said.

Last year, unable to teach, Sister Good agreed to be part of a Johns Hopkins study of the disease, driving to Baltimore five days a week for as long as she could to participate. After that, parents of her students took her.

"She was so well loved," Sister Dyer said, noting the large number of students and former students who went to visit her, communicating with pencil and paper.

"The children all wanted to visit



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her," Sister Dyer said. "The younger ones would come out and say, 'I had a two-page conversation with Sister Good,' or, 'I didn't get to talk to her because she was out of paper.'"

Cared for by the sisters, she never stayed overnight in a hospital.

Born in Cambridge, Mass., she graduated from Newton College of

the Sacred Heart in Massachusetts.

After 10 years of teaching in Massachusetts public schools, she entered the Society of the Sacred Heart in Albany, N.Y., in 1959 and received a master's degree in education from Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y., in 1964.

Sister Good, who professed in 1967, was head of the Doane Stuart Middle School at the Sacred Heart school in Albany and of the order's Lower School in Princeton, N.J., before coming to Stone Ridge.

"She was one of those talented teachers who could step from the classroom to administration with ease," Sister Dyer said. "But her real love was teaching middle-school mathematics, and she was an expert."

Sister Good is survived by four brothers in Massachusetts, Francis Good of Scituate, John Good of Cambridge, Albert Good of Dover, and Frederick Good of Belmont.

A funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. today at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Kensington, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery in Washington. The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Sister Irene Raphael Good Scholarship Fund at Stone Ridge.

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## In Pace



**Irene  
Raphael  
Good, RSCJ**

died at Stone Ridge, Washington, D.C. on January 24th at the age of 59. A mathematics teacher and former head of the Middle School, Sister Good died of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease at the convent of the school. Muffie Good was born in Cambridge, MA and attended Newton Country Day School and Newton College, graduating in 1950. After 10 years of teaching in Massachusetts, she entered the Society of the Sacred Heart.

At various times she was Head of the Lower School at Stuart in Princeton, NJ; Head of the Middle School at Doane Stuart in Albany, NY and at Stone Ridge. In 1988, unable to teach, Sister Good agreed to be part of a Johns Hopkins study on her disease, commuting to Baltimore five days a week as long as she could participate.

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