

In Loving Memory of  
Sr. Mary Angela DiCara, OSF  
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How do you summarize the life of a woman well-lived for more than 93 years on this earth?

I suppose I should start at the beginning. Sr. Mary Angela's obituary tells us she was born on Oct. 22, 1930, to a fairly large, loving, Italian family. Her childhood was a happy one. The obituary will also tell you the place of her birth, the schools she attended and graduated from, etc. Sr. Mary Angela was already a teacher when she entered the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany.

When Sr. Mary Angela was in college, she was studying to become a nurse. One day during her training, she went to the children's section to read them a story. When she finished, a little child came up to her, gave her a big and said, "I LIKE YOU!" From that moment on, Sr. Mary Angela changed from nursing to teaching.

Sr. Mary Angela was a woman of her own convictions. She would never sacrifice her values to just agree with someone. She was also very competitive in a good sense of the word. She never stopped learning.

She loved her hobbies – playing cards – if possible 8 days out of 7. She was an avid reader, especially of Lillian Braun's Cat Mystery stories and, of course, her Sudoku puzzles and Bingo!

Sr. Mary Angela kept connected to her family through their weekly phone calls. All of us feel we know the DiCara family from all of the photos Peggy and others sent. We all saw them at least once and sometimes twice.

To sum up Mary Angela's life, she loved her God, her family, her religious community, friends and simply loved her life and all who were part of it.

"When through one woman, a little more love and goodness, a little more light and truth comes into the world, that woman's life had meaning." – Alfred Delph, S.J.

And you are that woman, Mary!