

Dr. Marguerite “Mardy” M. (Delhotal) Bloch, Ed. D.
May 24, 1937 – November 10, 2024

Dr. Marguerite “Mardy” M. (Delhotal) Bloch, Ed. D., passed away peacefully on November 10, 2024, at the Alverno Senior Care Facility in Clinton, IA.

Mardy was born on May 24, 1937, in Amboy, IL. She was raised on a farm in Harmon, IL, and educated at Lake School – a one-room country schoolhouse. She left home to attend high school at Mount St. Clare Academy in Clinton. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Viterbo College in LaCrosse, WI, where she majored in elementary education and minored in social studies, English, speech, and drama. Mardy then earned her Master of Science degree from Purdue University in Lafayette, IN, where she majored in Elementary School Administration and minored in psychology. She earned her Doctorate in Education from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL.



In 1972, she and Walter Bloch married and lived their busy lives in the west suburbs of Chicago. They loved to travel especially to Poland and Ireland, the homes of their ancestors. Mardy loved to attend the Notre Dame vs. Purdue football game every fall.

Mardy’s list of accomplishments was quite extensive. She taught at the college level at Concordia University, served as principal in several school districts, and as superintendent of schools in Oak Brook, IL. Additionally, she served as a consultant on education matters to the Archdiocese of Chicago and was Vice President of the Education Facilities Center.

Mardy had an impressive list of workshop topics which she presented in the Midwest area, including Curriculum development, Community Relations, Strategic Planning, Research and Evaluation to Financial Planning for Special Education. She had been published in *Today’s Catholic Educator* and the *Illinois Association of School Boards Journal*. Mardy also presented formal papers for Illinois Superintendent of Public Instruction, The Illinois Association of School Boards, Midwest Conference of Teacher Centers, Western Michigan University, Iowa Department of Public Instruction, Illinois Association for Higher Education, and Minnesota Audio-Visual Teachers Association. She was passionate about discussing trends in education through various media. Her radio and television appearances and newspaper articles were aired and published in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, New Orleans, New York, and St. Paul.

Special recognitions had been presented to Dr. Bloch many times. Those honors include: Outstanding Young Educators in the United States (1 of 75), Outstanding Alumni by Mount St. Clare, Elementary School Principal of the Year by Illinois State Board of Education, Dare

to be Great award from Illinois Women Administrators, Special Education Recognition award from Illinois TASH, and the Ulyssean Award from the Village of Oak Park.

Mardy was dedicated to her community. Whether it be when she lived in the Chicago area or in Clinton, she served on numerous boards and committees. She was an avid supporter of the arts, especially the symphony and village theaters. Mardy was a dedicated supporter of L'Arche Chicago.

Being a former Sister of St. Francis, she was happy to call The Canticle home again after her husband passed. The community of her religious sisters was a comfort and blessing for her senior living. She cherished the time she was able to spend with them and serve the Lord and His community of dedicated sisters.

Mardy is survived by her brother-in-law, Paul Bloch; sister-in-law, Helene (Bloch) Clarke; a niece; nephew; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter; her parents, Raymond and Helen; and her brothers, Jim and Bill.

Visitation will be held at The Canticle, home of the Sisters of St. Francis, 841 13th Ave. North, Clinton, on Friday, December 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., followed by the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sisters of St. Francis. Snell Zornig Funeral Home is assisting the family.