



Birth
March 9, 1922

Baptism
March 27, 1948

Profession
April 1, 1963

Death
April 15, 2021

Burial
Kinugasa Cemetery
Kyoto, Japan

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Sister M. Maura Endo

Sister Maura Tokiko Endo was born on March 9, 1922, at Tengachaya in Osaka, Japan. After graduating from Itami Girls High School, she studied at the prefecture's first girls' high school where she earned qualifications as a nursery school teacher. She also worked as an employee at the Hanshin public office of the water system organization.

At the age of 26, she became a Christian and was baptized on March 27, 1948, at Rokko Catholic Church in Kobe, Japan. Her baptismal name was Maria Theresia.

On September 8, 1960, she entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame as a postulant. She was received into the novitiate on March 31, 1962, and given the name Mary Maura. She professed her first vows on April 1, 1963, and final vows on April 1, 1968.

Sister Maura took a course at the university in Kyoto to qualify as a librarian. After receiving her credentials, she served for 36 years at Notre Dame Girls High School, Kyoto, as a librarian. Since 2001, Sister Maura has served in prayer and presence at Megumi-no-Ie, a part of Iwakura Convent, located in Kyoto.

On April 15, 2021, Sister Maura died peacefully at Megumi-no-Ie while sisters took turns praying as they sat near her.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on April 18, 2021; burial was in the Kinugasa Cemetery in Kyoto.

She loved her ministry as a librarian and her students so much. She was also a joyful and caring presence in her community. After retirement from active ministry, she continued to give joy and to empower others with her smile, humor and some words of thanks.

by Sister Maria Dominica Sento, SSND



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