



## **Sr. Joan B. Maher**

October 22, 1939 - February 9, 2026

PORT SANILAC- Sr. Joan B. Maher, age 86, a resident of Port Sanilac passed away on Monday, February 9, 2026 at the Sanilac Medical Care Facility in Sandusky.

She was born on October 22, 1939 in Romulus, Michigan, a daughter of the late Richard F. and Hazel B. (Ritchie) Maher.

Joan had a Masters Degree in Theology and was a nun with the Mission Sisters of the Holy Spirit in Saginaw for 35 years, retiring in 2002 to move back to Port Sanilac to take care of her brother, Richard. Joan was a longtime member of St. Marys Catholic Church in Port Sanilac and will be remembered for her dedication to her family and her Catholic faith.

She is survived by her brothers and sisters, Kevin (Eleanor) Maher, Richard J. Maher, Nancy (John) Kelke and Kathleen Mason all of Port Sanilac.

Joan was preceded in death by her brother, Michael Maher, her sister-in-law, Lorraine Maher and her brother-in-law, Dale Mason.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 A.M. on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at the Ave Maria Parish-St. Marys Catholic Church in Port Sanilac, with visiting at the church from 9-10 A.M. Saturday morning. Fr. Bala Mandanu will officiate. Interment of ashes will immediately follow the mass in Old St. Marys Cemetery in Port Sanilac.

A luncheon will be held in the church hall immediately follow the services at the cemetery.



# Cemetery Details

## Old St. Marys Cemetery

Port Sanilac, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 23. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church

7066 Main St.

Port Sanilac, MI 48469

(810) 622-9904

<http://www.avemariaparishmi.com>

## Church Service

MAY 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church

7066 Main St.

Port Sanilac, MI 48469

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# Tribute Wall

HM

“*Joan was one of my favorite cousins. She lived her whole life in the service of others and did it with a big smile on her lips. She will be missed by many including me. Henry J. Maher*

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**Henry J. Maher** - February 17 at 04:37 PM

SG

“*My deepest sympathy to the Maher family.  
So sad to hear about Joan passing away. I always remember her kindness and friendly smile and must of all the dedication and care to her brother Richard.  
May the angels welcome Joan to paradise, may she rest in peace.  
Amen  
Sefora M. Gillies  
Clinton Township, MI.*

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**Sefora M Gillies** - February 13 at 02:47 PM

SM

“*Sister Joan always met us with a smile, a hug and a great sense of humor and wonder. She gifted us a beautiful picture of Jesus the Carpenter for our wedding. She wanted us to know He is approachable, accepting, relatable and easily accessible in our young, naive stage of our lives. Sister Joan was very generous, caring and fun. I'm thankful for God's arms around her, we sincerely miss her.  
Sincere condolences to her family and friends.*



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**Sharon Madison** - February 12 at 12:57 PM

BM

“ So sorry to hear of her passing. She was a wonderful woman. I would stop by and visit many times over the years when in Port Sanilac. The house across from the church was always a warm welcoming place.

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**Brian Maher** - February 12 at 08:23 AM

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**pomeroy funeral home** - February 11 at 11:50 AM

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