

## **Veronica Murphy CoL**

### **January 24, 1927 — September 7, 2010**

Veronica Mary Murphy was born in St. Louis and held a lifelong affection for this city. Vron attended Holy Rosary Elementary School, Beaumont High School and earned her B.A. degree from Webster College in 1950. She received a Masters degree in Education from St. Louis University in 1955 and continued her educational experiences at the Universities of Michigan, Hawaii, Stanford, and Bard College in New York.

Vron entered the Sisters of Loretto in 1950 and began her teaching career at Nerinx Hall High School, then as Principal at Our Lady of Light Academy in Santa Fe, and as Dean of Students at Webster College. In 1966 Vron left the Sisters or Loretto and in 1991 became a Loretto co-member. Her love of education continued as she worked as Placement Director at the University of Missouri in St. Louis and spent 18 years teaching at Webster Groves High School. She then moved back to Nerinx Hall as a part-time teacher and in the years before her retirement, she worked in the Media Center at Webster Groves High School. Vron was effective not only as a teacher but as an important person in the lives of many of her students.

After retiring, Vron assisted Gabriel Mary with the Downtowners and Webster University projects. She was active in many organizations among which were Common Cause, Hand Gun Control, Women Historians of the Midwest, The Missouri Energy Resource Project, and The International League for Peace and Justice.

In her application for Co-membership in 1990, Vron wrote, "Dear Sisters and Scholars, it would seem that I have exhausted listing my experiences...my life has been nothing more than years of support and encouragement from a loving family and dear friends. My good health allowed me to do that which I love more than anything — to teach for 38 years! I live a very simple lifestyle and simplicity is a virtue I much admire. Most of all, I know I cherish my deep friendship with Loretto."

Vron lived for six years at the St. Louis Center and in 2009 moved to Mother of Good Counsel Nursing Facility and died on September 7. Her body was donated to science and a memorial service will be held at the St. Louis Center.

Vron, we will remember you as loving all things Irish, devoted to the St. Louis Cardinals, and a friend to many who loved you in return. We are grateful for your life in Loretto with us.