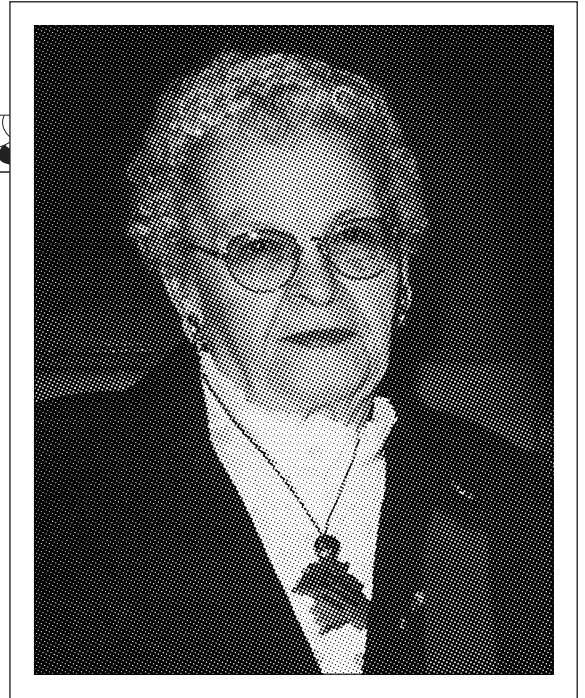




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Marie (Steinebach) Baynton

1916-2000



Marie Baynton's life of giving started on the Steinebach farm in Hannah. In 1939, she married Louis Baynton, who was a 1924 graduate of St. Francis High School. Marie embraced his loyalty to his alma mater. With their support of Catholic education, their four children became graduates of St. Francis High School.

Marie put joy into her career as food service supervisor in the hot lunch program at St. Francis School. Mrs. Baynton was "Mom" to so many school children. Her love and a hug were readily given whether the need was a band-aid, an aspirin or counseling for help with a problem at home. Former students remember that she was always there. She retired in 1992 after thirty-seven dedicated years.

Marie gave her heart to her parish of St. Francis. She was an active member of the St. Francis Altar Society. Over the years she served as its president, chairperson of the funeral luncheon ministry, bake sale teller and chair of the Christmas bazaar and dinner. Marie often prepared the meals for visiting priests. She was a church greeter, collection counter, C.S.A. worker and a member of the Catholic Daughters of America. In 2000, the Church Women United honored Marie with the Valiant Woman of the Year award.

Marie supported and volunteered for the Father Fred Foundation, the Carmelite Monastery, Munson Hospital Auxiliary, Northwestern Michigan Fair, GTACS Gladhander and countless school fundraisers and events.

Marie and her husband, Louie, guided many of the area youth over the years by serving as Cub Scout, Boy Scout and 4-H leaders.

For over 65 years, Marie enjoyed catering dinners for weddings and church functions, and pancake breakfasts for various community groups.

One of her granddaughters was adopted from Mother Teresa's orphanage in India in 1988. Pooja remarked how wonderful it was that her grandmother helped feed the little children, as she herself often had no food in India.

Marie's good deeds were many, some known and some not. She often said that you do not have to be rewarded here on earth for everything. A plaque of the Lamb was placed in the St. Francis parish family center as a symbol of the Bible verse she loved to quote – "All good deeds you have done shall be entered into the Lamb's book of life."