

Death of Jane Wolford Hughes

The Department of Communications has learned of the passing on December 20 of Jane Wolford Hughes, the former director of the Institute for Continuing Education (ICE) of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

A nationally known Church leader, Jane began with ICE in 1966 and retired in 1985. The recipient of many honors during her lifetime, she is remembered for many things, including welcoming Mother Teresa of Calcutta to Detroit.

Jane Wolford Hughes will be waked on Wednesday, December 22, from 2 to 9 p.m. at the O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River (west of Meadowbrook), in Novi. More information can be obtained by calling the funeral home at 248-348-1800 or by checking the funeral home [website](#).

Her body will lie in state on Thursday, December 23, from 12 noon until the celebration of her funeral Mass at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23815 Power Rd., Farmington.

“For almost four decades, Jane Wolford Hughes has been a consistent voice and presence, pioneer and model of the importance of adult faith formation,” said Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit.

“Having moved from leadership in the Council of Catholic Women to become the first director of the Institute for Continuing Education in the Archdiocese, Jane helped to implement the teachings of Vatican II throughout the archdiocese.

“She and the staff she assembled were instrumental in the work of the *Church, World and Kingdom* program and *Synod 69*. Even in her retirement, she continued to be an active contributor through lectures and articles, including her book, *If You Listen Really Hard, God Will Tell You Stories*,” Cardinal Maida continued.

“A loving wife and mother of a large ‘blended’ family, Jane brought together theology, spirituality, family life, and common sense. The Archdiocese of Detroit owes her a tremendous debt of gratitude; in large part, thanks to her example and leadership, the Catholics of this archdiocese have been well formed and shaped according to a proper and healthy understanding of Vatican II,” Cardinal Maida concluded.

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