



September 12, 2022

## **The Rev. Deacon Ann Staples, 1931-2022**

The Rev. Deacon Ann Staples passed to greater glory on Saturday, September 10.

Raised in Corpus Christi, Texas, Staples studied music with an emphasis in piano performance in the early 1950s at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, spent a year traveling in Europe, and pursued a doctorate in musicology at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. A mother of six, grandmother to 13, she taught college in New York and then for 17 years at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 40 minutes west of Northern Cambria.



In Indiana, Staples was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, when in 1984 Bishop Hathaway ordained her a vocational deacon. She has served parishes throughout Pennsylvania, including Verona, Murrysville, Indiana, and a long & distinguished ministry at St. Thomas, Northern Cambria, St. Luke's, Patton, and the [Coal Country Youth Hangout](#).

A funeral service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 902 Philadelphia St, Indiana, PA 15701, on Thursday, September 15 at 10 a.m.

Clergy are invited to vest and process with white stoles.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Coal Country Youth Hangout Center, 1102 Maple Avenue, Northern Cambria, PA 15714.

Condolences will be collected by Christ Episcopal Church, 902 Philadelphia St, Indiana, PA 15701, on behalf of the family.

*May Ann's soul, and the souls of all of the departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.*

