



## **SISTER MARY MARTIN LYNCH**

*Bernice Patricia Lynch was born in Carrington on November 18, 1920,  
to Bernard and Kathleen Lynch, nee McCormack,  
eldest sister of Marj, Pat, Brian and Harry.*

*Bernice entered the Sisters of St. Joseph, Lochinvar on 8 December 1938,  
and as Sister Mary Martin was professed on 2 July, 1941.*

*Sister Mary Martin did the Leaving certificate at Lochinvar in 1941  
and taught Primary classes for a couple of years  
before moving to Secondary school in 1944.*

*Generations of students blossomed under Martin's warm  
friendliness  
and her calm, gentle approach to life.*

*Her artistic skills and attention to detail were evident  
in the quality of her Dressmaking;  
her creativity and femininity in the finesse of her Home Science classes.*

*Sister Martin spent 34 years teaching and caring for boarders at Lochinvar.  
In 1978, she moved to Taree as Superior of the convent  
and had her first experience of coed teaching at Taree Catholic High School.  
She was always a great hit with the boys!*

*In 1984, Sister Martin moved to Muswellbrook, again as Superior of the convent.  
She taught at St. Joseph's High School, Aberdeen, and liaised with parents,  
on behalf of the school, for those students who were experiencing difficulty*

*She moved back to Taree, living now in the Cundletown convent, in 1998,  
caring for and visiting the sick, the lonely and the aged.*

*In 2003, Sister Mary Martin became a resident of Southern Cross Tenison Apartments in  
Swansea, and now in retirement, remained there until 2007, when she transferred to St.  
Joseph's Nursing Home, Sandgate.*

*She died peacefully on Friday evening, January 8, 2010, aged 89.  
May her dear, generous soul rest in peace!*

