

In Loving Memory

Sister Mary Vera Greiveldinger, SSND



Birth
September 28, 1916

Baptism
October 1, 1916

Profession
August 5, 1936

Death
April 19, 2012

Burial
Notre Dame of
Elm Grove Cemetery
Elm Grove, Wisconsin

*Precious and blessed is
the death of the faithful
before God... for
they die in union with
their dear Jesus, in the
grace of God, in peace.*

Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger
Foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame
Letter 11, September 10, 1831

Elvira Greiveldinger was born September 28, 1916 and baptized three days later. She was the first of six children born to William and Henrietta (Ries) Greiveldinger on a farm near Port Washington, Wis.

In her childhood years, teaching appealed to Elvira. After spending three years in a one-room school house, she entered the fourth grade at St. Mary's Catholic School in Port Washington. Elvira felt the sisters' kindness and was attracted to their life of prayer. She soon felt that God was calling her, not only to be a teacher, but also to become a religious.

After two years of high school Elvira entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame. As a young candidate, she was sent to St. Nicholas in Freedom, Wis., to take the place of a sister who died suddenly. Asked if she would be afraid to sleep in the room where this sister had died, she said, "No," in her typical down-to-earth manner. One night she heard chains, but simply said a prayer for the sister and then went back to sleep. A little later she heard chains again. Once more a prayer was said and she tried to go back to sleep. The next morning she found a narrow spring, lying on the floor under the bed. It had been attached with chains to the regular bed spring. Quite an experience for a first year teacher!

Elvira was received as a novice on July 31, 1935, and was given the name Mary Vera. She professed her first vows August 5, 1936. Sister Mary Vera received her bachelor's degree from Mount Mary College, and her master's from Notre Dame University. She took graduate classes from various colleges and universities, including the University of Hawaii – a favorite experience, which was made possible through a federal grant.

Sister Mary Vera touched the lives of many in her career as an educator. She was a friend to many. She spent 53 years as teacher and/or principal in the following parish schools:

1936: St. John Baptist, Marshfield, Wis.

1937: St. Mary, Menasha, Wis.

1947: St. Francis Xavier, DePere, Wis.

1953: St. Vincent de Paul, Oshkosh, Wis.

1959: Sacred Heart, Laurium, Mich.

1960: St. John Baptist, Marshfield, Wis.

1966: St. Mary, Elm Grove, Wis.

1976: Holy Name, Sheboygan, Wis.

1980: St. Mary Help of Christians, West Allis, Wis.

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In 1988 Sister Mary Vera retired to Visitation Convent in Elm Grove, where she enjoyed being a switchboard operator. She loved to read and spend time at the computer. Very often she spoke of the spiritual and physical opportunities for which she felt blessed and was most grateful.

Throughout her life, she loved God, her family, the community and nature. She had a twinkle in her eye as she greeted people. She was noted for calling everyone by name: the nurses, aides, and sisters. Her last years were transforming times – she wanted to do as much as she could for others. She listened to the Lord and felt His guidance as she responded to challenges with her compassionate heart. In her final days, she radiated deep peace and contentment.

A visitation and wake service were celebrated April 23, 2012, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Family Chapel, Notre Dame of Elm Grove. Sister Vera is survived by her sister, Rosemarie Waldkirch, in-laws, nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and the SSND Community.

The Lord was her light. The Lord called her home, and we pray with her: “May the Lord be Sister Vera’s light and salvation.”

By Sister Marie Rose Van Deurzen, SSND