

In Loving Memory

Sister Agnes Maureen Hornsby



Birth
July 26, 1940

Baptism
August 4, 1940

Profession
July 29, 1960

Death
June 6, 2024

Burial
Chatawa Cemetery

*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

Sister Agnes Maureen Hornsby, 83, passed away peacefully on the morning of June 6, 2024, at Trinity Trace Community Care Center in Covington, Louisiana.

On the feast of St. Ann, July 26, 1940, the oldest of three children was born to Ednolia Marie (DuBois) and Hilton Hornsby in Houma, Louisiana. The little girl was baptized on August 4, 1940, at St. Francis de Sales Church and named Eloise Marie. A brother and sister would complete the family.

Eloise attended three elementary public schools: Daighville Public School for grades one and two; Houma Elementary for grades three to six and Houma Junior High for grades seven and eight. Her first year of high school was at Terrebonne High. She completed her high school education in the Aspiranture at St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi.

Eloise always wanted to be a sister, but did not know which congregation to choose to enter. During her freshman year, three School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) arrived to open a school in her home parish. She took this as God's answer to her prayers and entered the Aspiranture in Chatawa.

Eloise received the candidate veil in her home parish, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, on August 24, 1958. She was the first one from the parish to enter SSND. Many relatives, friends and parishioners were present to mark the occasion. She then traveled to Sancta Maria in Ripa in St. Louis for the official entrance day of August 28. She was received into the novitiate on July 28, 1959, and given the name Agnes Maureen. She professed first vows on July 29, 1960, in St. Louis and final vows on July 25, 1966, in Dallas.

Following her first profession, she spent one year assisting in food service at Sancta Maria in Ripa. She then spent several months working with the boarders at St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa. Her next assignment was community service at the newly opened motherhouse for the former Dallas Province in Irving, Texas. In 1968, she was assigned to the staff at Madonna Manor in Marrero, Louisiana. The following year, she began her ministry as a seamstress for the Dallas Province while residing at Mount Carmel convent in Houston.

During the summer of 1976, she spent three months in community service at the SSND Generalate in Rome. For the next 11 years, she served as seamstress in the motherhouse at Irving. She was a driver for the sisters at Redeemer High School, New Orleans, for a semester.

In 1988, she began to work in social ministry for the archdiocese of New Orleans. She then spent a year with Home Health Care Services in Dallas. In

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1990, she began her ministry of community service at St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa. This ministry was interrupted in 2001 when she returned to her parental home in Houma to care for her mother. Following her mother's death, she returned to St. Mary of the Pines.

In 2019, she moved with the other sisters to St. Anthony's Gardens, Covington, Louisiana. As her health declined, she was transferred to Trinity Trace Community Care Center in 2022. After several months on hospice, Sister Agnes Maureen peacefully completed her journey to God.

Funeral services were held on June 18, 2024, at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Covington. A prayer/wake service was followed by the Mass of Christian Burial with Rev. Rodney Bourg as presider. Burial was in the Chatawa Cemetery, Chatawa.

Sister Agnes Maureen is survived by her brother, Hilton, of Metairie, Louisiana and her sister, Agnes Ann Sprague, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, their children and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ednolia Marie and Hilton Hornsby.

Sister Agnes Maureen spent most of her years as a School Sister of Notre Dame performing community service. Her work encompassed a range of skills and talents - she was a cook, baker, driver, seamstress, sacristan, shopper, laundress, health care worker and offered service in a number of other ways.

She had a quiet and unassuming personality. She was an excellent community member, generous and willing to share her God-given gifts with others. She was a support to her sisters in community in their ministries. She was an example of a person who lived joyfully a life of simplicity. She was a prayerful person and had a great devotion to Our Lady.

In the 1980s, Sister Agnes Maureen wrote an explanation of how her life was mirrored in the budding and flowering of a rose. Therefore, she requested that a single red rose be placed on her casket at her funeral.

May she now be welcomed into the arms of her loving God as she enters eternal life.

By Sister Carol Marie Wildt, SSND