

# *In Loving Memory*

## Sister Barbara Marie McInturff



**Birth**  
March 29, 1936

**Baptism**  
April 12, 1936

**Profession**  
August 1, 1955

**Death**  
May 13, 2024

**Burial**  
Sancta Maria in Ripa  
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 Barbara Marie McInturff, 88, died peacefully at Mary Queen and Mother Center, St. Louis, the evening of May 13, 2024, with family members keeping vigil.

The eldest of five children, she was born to Agnes (Nahlik) and Charles McInturff on March 29, 1936, in St. Louis. She was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 12, 1936 at St. John Nepomuk Church and named Agnes Marie. During the following years, a brother and three sisters were welcomed into the family.

Agnes attended St. John Nepomuk Grade School and St. Francis de Sales High School where she was taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND). She often assisted the sisters by helping in the convent and in the parish church.

She entered the candidature at Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis, on January 10, 1954. She was received as a novice on July 31, 1954, and given the name Barbara Marie. She professed first vows on August 1, 1955, and final vows on August 1, 1961.

Sister Barbara Marie received a bachelor's degree in history from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, in 1962 and a master's degree in elementary administration from St. Louis University, St. Louis, in 1972.

Sister Barbara Marie ministered twenty years in elementary education throughout the St. Louis area. She was a teacher at St. Wenceslaus, St. William and Notre Dame Elementary. She was also a principal at St. Wenceslaus for four years.

In 1975, she began an 11-year ministry of working with adolescent girls at Evergreen Hills Home for Girls in Dittmer, Missouri, an extension of the Juvenile Division of Jefferson County, Missouri. As a house parent, she helped to provide a safe home, stability and an education for abused and neglected teenage girls who were placed there by the Division of Family Services. She also taught part-time at Our Lady Queen of Peace at House Springs, Missouri for six of those years.

In 1987, Sister Barbara Marie began a new ministry, serving first in the finance office and then as treasurer for the former St. Louis Province from 1990-2001. Following a sabbatical, she became the finance director at Notre Dame High School in St. Louis. In 2012, she transitioned to the status of assistant and then volunteer in the finance office.

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As her memory began to fail her, Sister Barbara Marie moved to St. Louis Altenheim in 2019, and two years later to Mary Queen and Mother Center in St. Louis. Several days after being placed on hospice, she was called home to God.

Funeral services were held on May 20, 2024, at Theresa Center. The reading of her biography and sharing of memories preceded the celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial. Rev. Ralph Parthie, OFM was presider. Her three sisters, other family members, classmates, School Sisters of Notre Dame, SSND Associates, and friends attended the services. Burial was in the Sancta Maria in Ripa cemetery.

Sister Barbara Marie is survived by her three sisters: Mary Frances Urbeck, Carolyn Ann Sumpter and Charleen Ann Durbin and her brother, Lawrence. She was preceded in death by her parents, Agnes and Charles McInturff.

Sister Barbara Marie was a fun-loving, kind and gentle woman. She was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. She loved God's nature and enjoyed being outdoors. She would often speak of gardening with her father when she was a child. She was devoted to her family and they were devoted to her.

As a house parent, she showed love and concern for the adolescent girls. She could be strict at times, but the girls knew she cared for them and they could count on her. She was a conscientious financial officer and oversaw the finances of the province and high school with great care. She had a sincere love for the poor and would do what she could to assist those at the girls' home and at Notre Dame High School.

May Sister Barbara Marie now rest in God's loving embrace as she is welcomed by her God into eternal life.

*By Sister Carol Marie Wildt, SSND*

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