

In Loving Memory

Sister Margaret Ann Schulte



Birth

February 14, 1932

Baptism

February 21, 1932

Profession

August 2, 1951

Death

November 30, 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 Margaret Ann Schulte, 92, passed away peacefully at Mercy South Hospital, St. Louis, at approximately 6:10 p.m. on November 30, 2024.

On Valentine's Day, February 14, 1932, twin girls were born to Mabel (Gilmore) and Joseph Schulte in St. Louis. They were baptized at St. Engelbert Church in St. Louis, on February 21, 1932, and named Madelyn Grace and Margaret. An older sister, Marian, welcomed her new twin sisters to the family.

Madelyn, who would later take the name Margaret Ann, attended St. Engelbert's school, which was staffed by the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND). Madelyn won a scholarship to Notre Dame High School in St. Louis, and the twins both enrolled at the school at Sancta Maria in Ripa. Madelyn commented that, "The hour and half bus trip to and from school provided an opportunity for study."

During her freshmen year, Madelyn came to the realization that she wished to become a religious sister like her teachers. Her mother was initially reluctant to give her consent and wanted Madelyn to wait until she completed her high school education. However, in March of her junior year, her mother consented. Madelyn applied for admission, and along with two companions, entered the candidature at Sancta Maria in Ripa on Holy Saturday, April 23, 1949. She finished the remaining six weeks of her junior year as a candidate. During the summer, she completed her studies and graduated.

She was then sent to Sacred Heart in New Orleans to teach first grade under the guidance and instruction of an experienced teacher. She was received into the novitiate on August 1, 1950, and given the name M. Margaret Ann, in honor of her twin sister. She professed first vows on August 2, 1951, and final vows on August 2, 1957.

Sister Margaret Ann earned a bachelor's degree in history from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, in 1963; a master's degree in political science and government from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, in 1970 and a master's degree in education and social studies from Washington University, St. Louis, in 1973.

Sister Margaret Ann ministered in Catholic education for more than sixty years. She taught elementary children at St. Francis Solanus, Quincy, Illinois, for eleven years and at St. Francis Borgia, Washington, Missouri, for four years. She taught secondary students at Rosary High School for ten years and Rosati-Kain High

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School in St. Louis, for three years. In addition, she was the administrator at Rosati-Kain High School for six years.

In 1985, she began what would ultimately become a twenty-seven-year posting, teaching at the all-boys DeSmet Jesuit High School in St. Louis. Over her teaching career, Sister Margaret Ann successfully transitioned from teaching in a co-educational setting to an all-girls' school and then to an all-boys' school. At DeSmet Jesuit High School, she was a witness to melding the charism of Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger (SSND) and St. Ignatius of Loyola (SJ).

In 2000, she was one of the nominees for the St. Louis Archdiocesan Catholic Women's Award. She retired from formal education in 2012. During her retirement years, she volunteered at various places throughout the St. Louis area. She is remembered as a kind, patient, understanding, selfless person with a ready wit and a mentor to younger teachers.

Following complications from a fall earlier in the day, Sister Margaret Ann passed away at Mercy South Hospital, St. Louis, in the evening of November 30, 2024.

Funeral services were held on December 6, 2024, at Sancta Maria in Ripa, Theresa Center chapel. Visitation, the reading of her biography and sharing of memories preceded the celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial with Rev. Ronnie O'Dwyer, SJ from DeSmet Jesuit High School as presider. Burial was in the Sancta Maria in Ripa cemetery.

Attending the services were her sister, Marian Holba, relatives, extended family members, teaching colleagues, former students, friends, School Sisters of Notre Dame and SSND associates. The large number of attendees was a testimony to the high esteem in which Sister Margaret Ann was held, and the impact she made on the many people she reached during her years of ministry.

Sister Margaret Ann is survived by her sister, Marian Holba, nieces, nephews, extended family members, long-time community member, Sister Marie Blanche Marschner, SSND, School Sisters of Notre Dame, SSND associates and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mabel and Joseph Schulte and her twin sister, Margaret Holba.

May Sister Margaret Ann be abundantly blessed for her years of educational ministry and her witness to God's love for all persons as she enters her new life with her God.

By Sister Carol Marie Wildt, SSND