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**Sister Mary Lucita (Marcella Catherine) Allen, SSND  
Educator and Occupational Therapist**

**Elm Grove, Wis.** – School Sister of Notre Dame Lucita Allen died Jan. 12, 2017, at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. She was 89.

Born Marcella Catherine, December 1, 1927 in Bellevue, Wisconsin, to Albert and Catherine (Boehm) Allen, she was the third of six children. Her family farmed and she grew up in a rural community. When she was in the 6th grade, her dad enrolled Marcella and her siblings in St. Willebrord School in Green Bay. She wrote, “I became so fond of the sisters that I wanted to be one of them,” by the time she graduated from 8th grade.

In September 1941, she entered the Juniorate, but to some family trouble and the start of World War II she chose to finish high school at St. Joseph Academy in Green Bay near home. After graduating in 1945 she took a commercial course at Green Bay Vocational School and then worked in the Preble Water Department for the next four years.

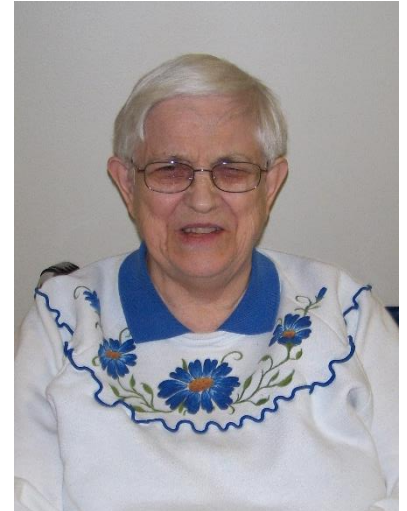
In 1949 she was able to enter the Candidature and was missioned to St. Helen’s in Chicago, Illinois, which must have been difficult after growing up on a farm. But no matter the setting, her creativity flourished in and out of the classroom. She professed first vows in July of 1952. She received a bachelor’s in education from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, in 1964.

Sister Lucita taught first and second grade at several schools during her ministry. She taught at S. Maria Inconronata in Chicago and the following schools in Wisconsin: St. Peter in Tilden; St. Francis Xavier in Green Bay; St. Nicholas in Freedom; St. Patrick in Menasha; St. Stanislaus in Berlin.

In 1979 she went to school for Occupational Therapy and began a new ministry, she served in occupational therapy in Elm Grove for six years. She continued her ministry of Occupational Therapy in Mt. Calvary at Mount Carmel where she gradually retired.

Sister Lucita is survived by Elizabeth (Allen) Malcore, nieces, nephews, extended family members, dear friends and the SSND Community. Preceded in death are her parents, her brothers Charles and Francis and her sisters Rita Czarneski and Lucille Pierquet.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Retirement Fund, c/o Resource Development, 13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI 53122 or online at [www.ssndcentralpacific.org/Partner/Donation](http://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/Partner/Donation).



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