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BALTIMORE - Sister Mary Naomi Grill died peacefully on Feb. 4, 2017 in Maria Health Care Center, Baltimore, at the age of 97. She had been a professed member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame for 76 years. In addition to serving as a teacher for 35 years, a principal and superior, she was the director of religious education at St. Jerome's parish, pastoral associate at St. Benedict's parish and librarian at St. Francis of Assisi, all in Baltimore.

Naomi Theresa was born on Ascension Thursday, May 29, 1919 in Baltimore, the second child and first girl to loving parents, Robert and Marie Stetter Grill. During her grammar school years, enrolled at St. Michael's School, Naomi received her first Holy Communion at St. Michael's Church and was confirmed there by Archbishop Michael J. Curley.

Naomi attended high school at the Institute of Notre Dame and graduated in June, 1937. While there, Naomi made life-long friends, Mary Alma Newman and Helen Staab, who also became School Sisters of Notre Dame. Naomi and her friend, Helen, received the bonnet together at St. Michael's Convent chapel on August 28, 1938.

While a candidate at the SSND motherhouse on 901 Asquith Street, Naomi completed two years of Normal School. Her education continued at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland (now University) where she received a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1956.

Naomi was received into the novitiate on July 26, 1940 and was given the name, Sister Mary Naomi. She professed first vows on July 29, 1941. A few days later, Sister Mary

Naomi was on her way to her first mission, St. Anselm School, Brooklyn, (1941-44), as a second grade teacher. After renewal of vows, Sister Naomi was transferred to St. Joseph School, Garden City, N.Y. (1944-53). She returned to Baltimore and the Cathedral School in downtown Baltimore where she taught grades six and seven (1953-58). Named superior, principal, and teacher of grades seven and eight, Sister Naomi moved to St. John's School, Hydes, Md. (1958-64). She remained in the classroom for 12 more years at St. John's School, Westminster, Md., St. Jerome's, St. Joseph Monastery and Madonna Elementary School, all in Baltimore (1964-76).

Sister Naomi became the director of religious education at St. Jerome's Parish, Baltimore (1976-80), and then substituted in the middle school at St. Francis of Assisi, Baltimore (1980-81). She was the pastoral associate at St. Benedict's parish, Baltimore (1981-86) and returned to St. Francis of Assisi as librarian (1986-98). Sister Naomi lived in prayer and presence at St. Francis of Assisi before moving to Villa Assumpta in 2009.

Sister Mary Naomi is survived by her SSND community and her sister-in-law, Helen Grill. The Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated by Villa Assumpta chaplain, Rev. Roman Kozacheson, OFM Cap. and dear friend of Sister Naomi, Rev. Joseph Muth, on Thurs., Feb. 9 in the chapel at Villa Assumpta, Baltimore. Sister Naomi's remains were interred at Villa Mary Cemetery, Glen Arm, Md.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Atlantic-Midwest Province, c/o Development Office, 345 Belden Hill Road, Wilton, Connecticut 06897 or online: [http://atlanticmidwest.org/ways\\_to\\_make\\_gifts.html](http://atlanticmidwest.org/ways_to_make_gifts.html)