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**Sister Kara Ryan, SSND**  
**Former teacher, computer programmer and professor**

**St. Louis** – Sister Kara Ryan, SSND, died Thursday, March 23, 2017, at Maria Health Care Center in Baltimore. She was 81, and a former teacher, computer programmer and professor.



The memorial Mass was April 6 in the School Sisters of Notre Dame Theresa Center chapel in south St. Louis County. Burial was in the Sancta Maria in Ripa cemetery.

Sister Kara was born in St. Louis. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1953. She professed first vows in 1955 and final vows in 1961.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics in 1957 from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, a master’s in mathematics in 1964 from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, a master’s in physics in 1965 from Loyola University in New Orleans and a Ph.D. in mathematics in 1984 from St. Louis University in St. Louis.

Sister Kara began her teaching career at Redemptorist High School in New Orleans. This experience was followed by teaching and professor roles at the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis, St. Louis University in St. Louis and the College of Notre Dame of Maryland in Baltimore. She also served as a computer programmer and analyst for the former St. Louis Province.

After several years of volunteer service at the SSND Residence in Baltimore, she was missioned to Villa Assumpta in 2015. She is survived by a sister, Jeanne Wanner, of St. Louis. Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 320 E. Ripa Ave., Saint Louis, MO, 63125-2897, or online at [www.ssndcentralpacific.org/Partner/Donation](http://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/Partner/Donation).

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