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Sister Maris Stella Morimoto, SSND
Teacher, principal, translator

Kyoto – Sister Maris Stella Morimoto, 94, died August 20, 2017. She was born in Gose city, Nara prefecture on February 18th, 1923. She entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame as a postulant on February 2nd in 1953. After professing her vows in 1955, her main ministry was as a teacher of English, religion, and music at Notre Dame Jogakuin Junior and Senior High School. During that time, she also served as Vice Principal, as a secretary and an assistant accountant. She served in Rome at the Generalate of the School Sisters of Notre Dame from April 1975 until February 1976, translating the letters of our foundress, Mother Theresa Gerhardinger, from English to Japanese. After she retired from teaching, she volunteered mainly as a receptionist at the Carmelite Convent in Uji until she had to go to Iwakura because of her health.



Her radical power of teaching and warm humanity attracted students and teachers throughout her years in school education. Her prayerful religious life as a patient under medical treatment for 20 years touched many people.

At 2:01 pm on August 20th, 2017, she peacefully died from complications of old age at the Hakuai-kai Hospital in Kyoto. She was 94 years old. Sister donated her body to science. A Memorial Mass was celebrated to honor Sister's life and ministry as a School Sister of Notre Dame. Her name will be inscribed on a large tombstone at the SSND burial plot in the Kyoto Diocese Catholic Cemetery in Kyoto. 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.

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