

April 18, 2018

**Sister Esther Smith  
Principal and teacher**

**Elm Grove, Wisconsin** – Sister Esther Smith, SSND, died Sunday, March 11, 2018, at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. She was 98, and served as a principal and teacher.

A prayer service was held on March 15 at Notre Dame of Elm Grove chapel followed by the funeral Mass. Burial was at the Notre Dame of Elm Grove Cemetery.

Sister Esther was born in Milwaukee and professed her final vows in 1942.

She received a bachelor's degree in English from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, in 1961.

Sister Esther began her mission as a middle school teacher at St. Mary's in Kickapoo, Illinois. Beginning in 1943, she taught in Wisconsin, first at Holy Name in Sheboygan and later teaching at Holy Angels in West Bend. She was transferred to SS. Peter & Paul in Huntington, Indiana, and taught there from 1954 to 1958. Sister Esther then returned to Wisconsin, teaching middle school at Christ the King, Wauwatosa; Holy Assumption, West Allis; St. Anthony, Milwaukee; St. Mary, Menasha; and Casimir, Milwaukee. She served as principal from 1968 to 1969 at St. Anthony, and from 1979 to 1981 at St. Casimir. After a three-year leave of absence, Sister Esther returned to St. Casimir in 1983, where she again served as principal until 1987.

Beginning in 1997, she served as a secretary to a school counselor at SS. Peter & Paul, Milwaukee, where she remained until 1991. After this ministry, she moved to Waterloo, Illinois. She returned to Milwaukee in 1997, where she ministered full-time at the Sisters Interacting with Sisters apartment complex. She retired to Notre Dame of Elm Grove in 2007.

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