

June 4, 2018

**Sister M. Laura Schmitt, SSND
Math teacher and bookkeeper**

Mankato, Minnesota – Sister M. Laura Schmitt, SSND, died Monday, May 7, 2018, at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota. She was 97, and served as a former math teacher and bookkeeper.

The funeral Mass was celebrated May 11 at Our Lady of Good Counsel chapel in Mankato. Burial was in the Our Lady of Good Counsel cemetery.

Sister Laura was born in St. Leo, Minnesota. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1935 and professed vows in 1940.

She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, in 1950, and a master's degree in mathematics instruction from the University of Detroit in 1970.

Sister Laura first served as a primary grade teacher, teaching at St. Anthony, Lismore; St. Paul, Comfrey; St. Clara, Clara City; and St. Nicholas, New Market, all located in Minnesota, and at Holy Family, Clarkston, Washington. She later taught junior high at Guardian Angel, Colton, and St. Mary, Chewelah, both in Washington. She concluded her junior high teaching at St. Agnes, St. Paul in 1961. From 1961-1989, Sister Laura taught math to high school students at St. Agnes, St. Paul; Good Counsel Academy, Mankato, Minnesota; Loyola High School, Mankato; St. Mary's High School, New England, North Dakota; and Don Bosco High School, Gilbertville, Iowa. She served as principal at St. Mary's High School and assistant principal at Don Bosco. Beginning in 1989, Sister Laura moved into parish work, serving at SS Peter & Paul Parish in Mankato. From 1997-2007, she served as the bookkeeper for the Good Counsel Learning Center and the motherhouse sisters. She was also an assistant in the finance office. Sister Laura began a ministry of community service in 2007 and fully retired in 2011.

Sister Laura is survived by her brothers, Wilfred (Gerry) and John, and her nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001 or online at

<https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.

