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Sister M. Rose Helene (Rose Mary) Miller, SSND

Elm Grove, Wis. – School Sister of Notre Dame Rose Helene Miller died Jan. 2, 2017 at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. She was 89.

Sister Rose Helene was born October 7, 1927 in Portage, Wisconsin to Harry and Irene (Waite) Miller, she was baptized Rose Mary at St. Mary’s Church in Portage. Born third of eight children, Rose Helene had three brothers and four sisters.

Rose Helene was an avid nature lover and spent as much time as she could outdoors even from a young age. She recalled spending time roaming in the woods and learning to fish from her mother. She wrote, “God was there in every tree, flower and weed. Peace filled my soul in the outdoors.”

The family relocated from Portage to Milwaukee and she attended St. Mary’s Academy. This was her first encounter with SSND and she entered SSND candidacy in 1945. She was received as a novice in 1947 and professed first vows on August 6, 1948. She received a bachelor’s in Education from Mount Mary University in 1959.

Sister Rose Helene’s ministry of education spanned 43 years. She taught at the following schools St. Joseph in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; St. Joseph in Hewitt, Wisconsin; St. Bruno in Dousman; St. Joseph in Waterloo, Wisconsin. SS. Peter and Paul in Huntington, Indiana. St. Patrick in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

She was also involved in teaching catechism on the Indian Reservation in Sugar Island, Michigan from 1959-1986 and remained in contact with some of her students.

She is survived by her brother Robert Miller, her sister Kathleen Miller, brother-in-law Clemence Tock, nieces, nephews, extended family members, dear friends and the SSND Community. Preceded in death her parents, her brothers Harley and William and her sisters Margaret Tock, Helen Pilecky and Patricia Lynett.

Sister Rose Helene wrote that, “Every Spring brought growth in nature and in me. Each seed, bud, blossom and fruit made me stand in awe of God and His goodness and beauty.”

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Retirement Fund, c/o Resource Development, 13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI 53122 or online at www.ssndcentralpacific.org/Partner/Donation.



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