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**Imelda Marie Mulloy, SSND  
Teacher and Principle**

**Elm Grove** – Sister Imelda Marie Mulloy, 80, died May 3, 2017. She was born Margaret Mary on September 13, 1936, in Mercy Hospital, Gary, Indiana. Born to Patrick and Margaret Mulloy, she was the seventh of eight children. She wrote in her autobiography, “Even though my brothers were hoping for a boy, they made me feel quite welcome at once. About another week after this, I was taken to St. Luke’s Church to receive the waters of baptism, and was then given the name Margaret Mary, though I was always called Peggy.”



Raised in Gary, Indiana, Sister Imelda attended St. Luke’s for all of her elementary schooling and Emerson High School. She wrote of her experiences in school saying, “I started school at St. Luke’s and was taught by the good Notre Dame sisters. I was never very interested in school, but I loved the sisters from the very beginning as did the rest of my family.” As a student, Sister Imelda did not think much of school, writing, “I would much rather be out playing football or baseball with the boys than doing homework, so you can see that I managed to get myself into plenty of trouble.”

Sister Imelda spent years contemplating joining the School Sisters of Notre Dame, “The candidature felt like home from the very beginning and I loved it. The year went by very quickly and soon it was time to prepare for Reception and that day came on June 27, 1955. I received the name Sister Imelda Marie.” Shortly after, she received a B.A. from Mount Mary University and then an M.A. from Clarke College.

A lifelong educator, she served in schools for more than 50 years. Sister Imelda began teaching in 1957, at St. Margaret of Scotland School in Chicago, Illinois. She served as teacher and principal of elementary grades in Wisconsin, at St. Anthony, St. Nicholas, St. Robert Convent and St. Mary Czestochowa all in Milwaukee. In 2002, she began ministry through tutoring at St. Bernard School in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Even in retirement she continued to serve through part-time tutoring and prayer and presence. She is survived by her brothers Joseph and Gerald, nieces, nephews, dear friends and the SSND community. Preceding her in death were her parents, her brothers Patrick, James, Thomas, Martin and her sister Sheila Lahaie. 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](http://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/Partner/Donation).

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