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**Sister Irene Marie Schmitz SSND  
Former teacher**

**St. Louis** – Sister Irene Marie Schmitz, SSND, died Thursday, August 10, at Veronica House in Bridgeton, Missouri. She was 87, and a former teacher.

The funeral Mass was celebrated August 14 in the School Sisters of Notre Dame Theresa Center chapel in south St. Louis County. Burial was in the Sancta Maria in Ripa cemetery.

Sister Irene Marie was born in Linn, Missouri. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1949. She professed first vows in 1952 and final vows in 1958.

She earned a bachelor's degree in theology in 1960 from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis.

Sister Irene Marie began her teaching career at St. Francis de Sales in St. Louis. This experience was followed by teaching positions at Our Lady Queen of Peace in House Springs, Missouri; St. Joseph in Freeburg, Illinois; and Immaculate Conception in Loose Creek, Missouri.

After 33 years of teaching and three years of community service at Immaculate Conception in Loose Creek, she was missioned to Veronica House.

She is survived by two brothers, James Schmitz of Lake St. Louis, Missouri, and Jerry Scjmita of Millstadt, Illinois, and a sister, Jean Niewald of Linn, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Mission Advancement, 320 E. Ripa Ave., Saint Louis, MO, 63125-2897, or online at [www.ssndcentralpacific.org/Partner/Donation](http://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/Partner/Donation).

