

November 30, 2017

**Sister Carla Marie Candella, SSND
Former teacher**

Chatawa – Sister Carla Marie Candella, SSND, died Wednesday, November 15, at St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa, Mississippi. She was 91, and a former teacher.

The funeral Mass was celebrated November 20 at St. Teresa Church in Chatawa, Mississippi. Burial was in the Chatawa cemetery.

Sister Carla Marie was born in Alexandria, Louisiana. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1953, and professed first vows in 1955.

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

Sister Carla Marie taught English, religion and Spanish in secondary schools in Missouri, Illinois, Texas and Louisiana. She wrote children's stories, including *Burrito, the Dancing Donkey*, which was published. She retired from full-time teaching in 2005, and began work serving in local parishes.

After many years of teaching and community service, Sister Carla Marie transitioned to St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa, Mississippi.

She is survived by her sister, Josephine Candella of Orange Park, Florida and by two nieces, Susan Stores and Alyson Pierce-Renzo.

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

