

November 30, 2017

Sister Rose M. Ernst, SSND
Former teacher, principal and director of religious education

Elm Grove – Sister Rose M. Ernst, SSND, died Wednesday, November 16, at Our Lady of the Angels in Greenfield, Wisconsin. She was 98, and a former teacher, principal and director of religious education.

The funeral Mass was celebrated November 22 at Notre Dame of Elm Grove in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Burial was in the Notre Dame of Elm Grove Cemetery.

Sister Rose was born in Liebau, Germany. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1935, and professed first vows in 1938 and final vows in 1944.



She earned a bachelor's degree in social studies from the former Mount Mary College, and a master's in education from Marquette University, both in Milwaukee.

Sister Rose began her teaching ministry at St. Aloysius in West Allis, Wisconsin. This ministry was followed by teaching positions at St. Elizabeth, Our Lady of Peace, Marinette Catholic Central High School, Holy Name Central, St. Mary, McDonnell Central High School, Columbus High School and St. James, all in Wisconsin. After years of teaching and serving in administration, she served as a coordinator and director of religious education at parishes in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Sister Rose Notre Dame of Elm Grove in 2003 and Our Lady of the Angels in 2012.

Sister Rose is survived by her two sisters, Anna and Angela and numerous nieces and nephews. 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>.