

January 11, 2018

**Sister M. Yvonne Nohava, SSND
Educator and high school science teacher**

Mankato, Minnesota – Sister M. Yvonne Nohava, SSND, died January 6, 2018, at Notre Dame Health Care, Good Counsel Hill, Mankato, Minnesota. She was 100, and a former educator and high school science teacher.

The memorial mass was celebrated January 11 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel, followed by burial at Good Counsel Cemetery.

Sister Yvonne was born in Lonsdale, Minnesota. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1935, professed first vows in 1937 and final vows in 1938.

She earned a B.S. in chemistry from Mount Mary College in 1949 and a M.S. Ed. in chemistry from Creighton University in 1954.

Sister Yvonne began her teaching ministry at St. Agnes, St. Paul in 1936. This was followed by teaching positions at St. Michael, St. Michael, Minnesota, and at St. Stanislaus, St. Paul. For 12 years, she served as principal and teacher at St. John Nepomucene, Winona, Minnesota, and at St. John, Mankato, Minnesota. In 1958, Sister Yvonne returned to St. Michael and taught high school science. From 1964-1989, she taught science and math at Loyola High School, Mankato; at Good Counsel Academy, Mankato, and at St. Agnes High School, St. Paul.

Sister Yvonne received a letter of commendation from the Minnesota Academy of Science. She also received the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Teacher Award in 1972 and the Teacher Award of Excellence in 1973, which was given by NSTA and the Engineers Council for Professional Development.

After retiring in 1989, Sister Yvonne came to Good Counsel Hill where she served as a driver and taught in the Learning Center until 1999.

Sister Yvonne is survived by her sisters, Julie Washa and Theresa Zitzow, and her nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001 or online at

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

