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**Sister Miriam Louise Dufour, SSND
Local leader, rehabilitation and volunteer coordinator**

Elm Grove, Wisconsin – Sister Miriam Louise Dufour, SSND, died February 21, 2018, at Elmbrook Memorial Hospital in Brookfield, Wisconsin. She was 74, and served as a nurse, local leader, volunteer coordinator and rehabilitation coordinator.

The funeral mass was celebrated February 26 at Notre Dame of Elm Grove chapel, followed by burial at Notre Dame of Elm Grove Cemetery.

Sister Miriam was born in Escanaba, Michigan. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1962 and professed final vows in 1969.

She attended Sacred Heart School for Practical Nursing and received her LPN license in 1965. Later, she attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in communications in 1983.

From 1965-1976, Sister Miriam worked as a nurse for Notre Dame of Elm Grove. She went on to open Notre Dame House, an affirmation community, and served as a co-director for three years. She later served as a nurse for the Foot Health Center and for the podiatry clinic at St. Anthony Hospital, both in Milwaukee. After being diagnosed and treated for breast cancer, Sister Miriam served as a volunteer coordinator for Marian Catholic Home and St. Mary's Nursing Home. In 1998, she became a rehabilitation coordinator, serving at Marian Catholic Center, St. Ann Rest Home, St. Camillus Health Center and St. Mary's Nursing Home. She retired in 2001. Since 2010, she has served in prayer and presence at Notre Dame of Elm Grove.

Sister Miriam is survived by her sister, Mary Mears, her sister-in-law, Mary Lou, and her nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI 53122-2291 or online at <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.

