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**Sister Rose Mary Ryan, SSND  
Primary and early childhood educator**

**St. Louis** – Sister Rose Mary Ryan, SSND, died February 22, 2018, at Anna House in Bridgeton, Missouri. She was 77, and a former primary and early childhood educator.

The memorial mass was celebrated February 27 at School Sisters of Notre Dame Theresa Center chapel in south St. Louis County. Burial was in the Sancta Maria in Ripa cemetery.

Sister Rose Mary was born in Alton, Illinois. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1958, professed first vows in 1960 and final vows in 1966.

She earned a B.A. in American studies from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis in 1962, and a M.A. in education from Xavier University in Cincinnati in 1976.

Sister Rose Mary began her teaching ministry at Sacred Heart in Valley Park, Missouri, in 1962. This was followed by teaching positions in Missouri at St. Gabriel, St. Louis; St. Ignatius, Marthasville; St. Joseph, Westphalia; St. Joseph, Manchester; and Assumption Grade School, O'Fallon. She was also a teacher at Notre Dame Preschool, St. Louis, from 1979-1982, and in 1982, she began the preschool at St. Mary in Belleville, Illinois, and served as its director. She also began the preschool at All Saints Academy, Breese, Illinois. After a sabbatical, she volunteered at Notre Dame Preschool and tutored at St. Vincent, both in St. Louis.

Sister Rose Mary was awarded the Maryville College Duchesne Award for Meritorious Service in the field of elementary education in 1973. That same year, she was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America.

After serving in prayer and presence for three years at Sancta Maria in Ripa, she was missioned to Anna House in 2010.

Sister Rose Mary is survived by her brother, Robert Ryan, of St. Charles, Missouri. Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 320 E Ripa, St. Louis, MO 63125 or online at

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

