

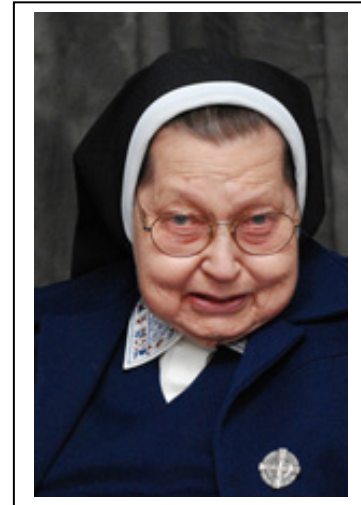
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**Sister Mary Ernest Gibson, SSND
Teacher, homemaker, food service and nurse's aide**

Elm Grove, Wisconsin – Sister Mary Ernest Gibson, SSND, died February 27, 2018, at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. She was 96, and served as a teacher, a homemaker, in food service and as a nurse's aide.

The funeral mass was celebrated March 5 at Notre Dame of Elm Grove chapel, followed by burial at Notre Dame of Elm Grove Cemetery.

Sister Mary Ernest was born in Waucoma, Iowa. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1938 and professed final vows in 1947.



She attended Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1965.

From 1941-1958, Sister Mary Ernest served as a primary school teacher at Sacred Heart in Marshfield, Wisconsin, and Holy Redeemer in Madison, Wisconsin. She taught primary grades at Holy Angels in Gary, Indiana, from 1960-1962, before returning to Wisconsin. From 1962-1965, she taught at St. Mary, Glen Haven, Wisconsin, and at St. Gabriel in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. In 1969, she served as a homemaker at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, and from 1970-1972, she served in food service at Notre Dame Health Care Center, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. She returned to Prairie du Chien in 1972 to care for her ailing mother, teaching primary grades at St. Gabriel during this time. She became an LPN after her mother passed and went on to serve as a nurse's aide at Notre Dame Health Center in Elm Grove and at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Calvary, Wisconsin. In 2008, she retired to Notre Dame of Elm Grove where she served in prayer and presence.

Sister Mary Ernest is survived by her sisters, Rosemary Schwingle, Sister Frances Therese Gibson, SSND, and Cecilia Nystrom. 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>.