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**Sister M. Janice Koziolk, SSND  
Primary grade teacher and minister to Appalachia**

**Mankato** – Sister M. Janice Koziolk, SSND, died Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at Notre Dame Health Care, Good Counsel Hill, Mankato, Minnesota. She was 98, and a former primary grade teacher and minister to Appalachia.

The funeral Mass was celebrated May 30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel chapel. Sister Janice donated her body to Mayo Clinic and will be buried at a later date at Our Lady of Good Counsel Cemetery.

Sister Janice was born in Wells, Minnesota. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1937 and professed first vows in 1941.

She earned a B.A. in education from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, in 1954.

Beginning in 1937, Sister Janice served as a kindergarten teacher for two years at Sacred Heart School, St. Paul. In 1939, she taught at SS. Peter & Paul, Mankato, Minnesota. She continued teaching in Minnesota, serving at St. John the Baptist, Mankato (1942-46), St. Stanislaus, Winona (1946-56), and St. Bartholomew, Wayzata (1956-62). Sister Janice later taught in Iowa at St. Peter, New Haven, where she was also principal (1962-66), and St. Joseph in Cresco (1966-73). She returned to Minnesota, teaching at St. Anthony, Lismore, from 1973-76. In 1976, Sister Janice began her ministry in Appalachia, first serving in Carter County, Kentucky, and later serving in Dungannon, Virginia. She coordinated interdenominational Bible classes, provided outreach to the needy and focused on weatherization, housing and water projects. She also reached out to those with disabilities or special needs. She returned to Mankato in 2006.

Sister Janice is survived by her nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Mission Advancement, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001 or online at <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.

