

August 16, 2018

**Sister Mary Hope Tritz, SSND**  
**Educator, pastoral care, community leadership**

**Greenfield, Wisconsin** – Sister Mary Hope Tritz, SSND, died at Our Lady of the Angels in Greenfield, Wisconsin, on Thursday, August 9, 2018. She was 89 and a former educator, involved in pastoral care and a community leader.

The funeral Mass was celebrated August 16 at Notre Dame of Elm Grove. Burial was at the Notre Dame of Elm Grove Cemetery.

Sister Mary Hope was born in Pittsville, Wisconsin. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1946. She professed first vows in 1949 and final vows in 1955.



In 1961, she earned a B.S. in biology from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, and an M.A. in religious education from the University of Detroit in 1971.

From 1950 to 1961, Sister Mary Hope taught elementary school at St. Nicholas in Milwaukee. From there, she taught at Lourdes High School in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, until 1967. She then moved to Escanaba, Michigan, where she taught secondary grades at Holy Name. In 1969, Sister Mary Hope became the coordinator for the Diocese of Green Bay and Marquette-District II. She taught at St. Mary in Menasha, Wisconsin, from 1974 to 1977 and then served as novice directress for Notre Dame of the Lake in Mequon, Wisconsin, from 1977 to 1982. After spending a short time as novice directress at St. Hyacinth in Milwaukee, Sister Mary Hope served in pastoral ministry there until 1986. She spent three years caring for her parents in Pittsville and then returned to the Milwaukee area, where she volunteered at Marshall Street and Notre Dame of Elm Grove. She was called in 1990 to serve as a pastoral associate for St. Bernadette parish in Milwaukee. She then served as part of the leadership team at Notre Dame of Elm Grove from 1995 until 1998. Sister Mary Hope then served as a pastoral minister and volunteer to several Milwaukee area nursing homes. She retired in 2005 to Notre Dame of Elm Grove, spending some time as a full-time assistant community leader. Sister Mary Hope had been serving in prayer and presence at Our Lady of the Angels since 2015.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI 53122 or online at <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.