

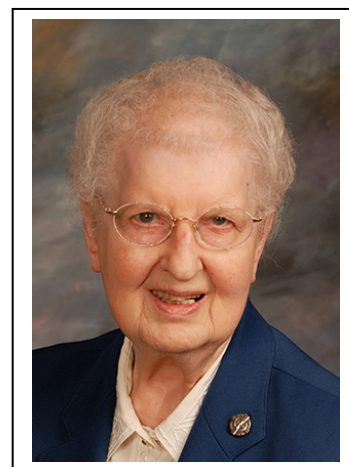
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Sister Joan Kettler, SSND
Teacher, principal, parish visitor

Mankato, Minnesota – Sister Joan Kettler, died at Notre Dame Health Care, Mankato, Minnesota, on Monday, September 17, 2018. She was 94 and a former teacher, principal and parish visitor.

The funeral Mass was celebrated September 24 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel, Mankato, Minnesota. Burial was in the Our Lady of Good Counsel Cemetery.

Sister Joan was born in Eden, South Dakota. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1943 and professed first vows in 1944. In 1955, she earned a bachelor's degree in education and history from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee. She earned a master's degree in education from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1963.



After first profession, Sister Joan was missioned to SS. Peter & Paul, Mankato, Minnesota, where she taught first grade until 1951. She then went on to teach at Rosary School, Northfield, Minnesota (1951-53); SS. Peter & Paul, Blue Earth, Minnesota (1953-1963); St. Anne, Bismarck, North Dakota, where she was also principal (1963-65); St. Mathias, Wanda, Minnesota (1965-66); St. Mary, Shakopee, Minnesota (1966-69); Silver Lake, Minnesota, Catholic, where she was also principal (1969-76); St. Agnes, St. Paul (1976-81); St. Wenceslaus, New Prague, Minnesota (1981-87); Lonsdale-New Market-Veseli, Minnesota, Catholic School (1987-91); and St. Bernard, Cologne, Minnesota (1991-97). She taught the gamut of grade ranging from primary through junior high.

In 1997, Sister Joan became a parish visitor at Holy Childhood Parish in St. Paul, Minnesota. She continued in that ministry until 2008, when she moved to Our Lady of Good Counsel. At Our Lady of Good Counsel, she served as the learning center librarian and participated fully in campus activities. Sister Joan was a regular attendee at weekly Scripture sharing sessions and was often found in the chapel several times a day praying. She was an avid card player and considered her participation in the Rome renewal program as a highlight of her life.

She is survived by a brother-in-law Jim Anderson, nieces and nephews, and her sisters in community, the School Sisters of Notre Dame and SSND associates.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001 or online at <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.