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Sister Maria Cordis Schmitt, SSND
Teacher, tutor

Bridgeton, Missouri – Sister Maria Cordis Schmitt, SSND, died at Anna House, The Sarah Community, Bridgeton, Missouri, on Friday, October 19, 2018. She was 74 and a former teacher and tutor.

The funeral Mass was celebrated October 26 at Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis. Burial was in Sancta Maria in Ripa Cemetery, St. Louis.

Sister Maria Cordis was born in St. Louis. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1962. She professed first vows in 1964 and final vows in 1969.



She received a bachelor's degree in American Studies from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, in 1966.

Sister Maria Cordis taught primary grades for 39 years at St. Bernadette and St. Andrew, St. Louis; St. Joseph, Freeburg, Illinois; and St. Martin, Jefferson City, Missouri. She particularly enjoyed preparing children to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion. In Jefferson City, Missouri, she and a lay teacher started a volleyball league for fifth to eighth grade girls and served as coaches for the league.

Beginning in 2005, Sister Maria Cordis taught older students at the Notre Dame Tutorial/Learning Center. In 2008, she volunteered to teach English as a second language to immigrant children at St. Frances Cabrini Academy in St. Louis. She also volunteered to help small groups of first and second graders at Holy Child School in Arnold, Missouri, several times a month, and she tutored a child once a week as a volunteer in the English Tutoring Program.

Sister Maria Cordis loved little children and helped give many of them their start in education, as well as their love for the sacraments. She was an excellent athlete, especially in softball. In her later years, she spent time stitching phrases or a word on plastic to give as gifts.

She is survived by her sister Ruthann Schmitt and three brothers, David (Marilyn) Schmitt, Paul (Marianne) Schmitt and Joseph (Anita) Schmitt.

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>.