

November 28, 2018

Sister Theresa Duerfarhd, SSND
Teacher, tutor, seamstress, driver

Bridgeton, Missouri – Sister Theresa Duerfarhd, SSND, died at DePaul Hospital, Bridgeton, Missouri, on Sunday, November 4, 2018. She was 91 and a former teacher, tutor, seamstress and driver.

The funeral Mass was celebrated November 9 at Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis. Burial was in Sancta Maria in Ripa Cemetery, St. Louis.

Sister Theresa was born in St. Louis. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1944. She professed first vows in 1947 and final vows in 1953.



She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, in 1957.

Sister Theresa taught elementary children for 38 years at St. Mary, Alton, Illinois; St. Mary, Belleville, Illinois; St. Raphael, St. Louis; St. Mary, Fort Madison, Iowa; St. Philip, East St. Louis, Illinois; Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Louis; St. Clare, St. Clair, Missouri; St. Dominic, Breese, Illinois; and St. Louis, Nokomis, Illinois. She was coordinator for Sunday CCD classes and coached children for the Speech League.

Sister Theresa ministered in the Liturgical Fabric Arts department at Sancta Maria in Ripa for six years. She was a tutor at the Notre Dame Tutorial Center for 14 years and a driver at Sancta Maria in Ripa for 20 years. She was also a faithful volunteer in the Resource Development department. She was missioned to Veronica House, The Sarah Community, Bridgeton, Missouri, in 2016. While at Veronica House, Sister Theresa helped create mats from plastic bags that were given to the homeless.

A quiet, gentle and compassionate woman, Sister Theresa loved teaching, especially preparing children for the reception of the sacraments. She hoped to inculcate in them a love and reverence that would continue the rest of their lives.

She is survived by her sister Cecilia Duerfahrd of Ellisville, Missouri.

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>.