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Sister Mary Beth Schraml, SSND
Teacher; administrator; mission integration specialist

Mankato, Minnesota – Sister Mary Beth Schraml, SSND, 67, died Thursday, January 17, 2019, in Mayo Clinic Health System Hospital, Mankato, Minnesota. In her SSND ministry, she served as a teacher of primary grades, a principal and a mission integration specialist.

The funeral Mass was celebrated on January 24 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel. Burial was in Our Lady of Good Counsel Cemetery.

The youngest of four children, Sister Mary Beth was born in Mankato, Minnesota, on October 25, 1951. She was baptized Jane Geryllyn at All Saints Church, Madison Lake, Minnesota. She entered the postulancy on August 23, 1970, and became a novice in July 1972, when she was named Sister Mary Beth. On January 12, 1974, Sister Mary Beth professed first vows.

After profession, she taught at St. Francis de Sales, St. Paul, Minnesota (1974-76); Blessed Sacrament, Waterloo, Iowa (1976-78); St. John the Baptist, Vermillion, Minnesota (1978-79); St. Joseph/Notre Dame, Cresco, Iowa (1979-88); and St. Mary's of the Winona, Minnesota, Catholic School System, where she was also assistant principal (1988-90). In 1990, she taught grades one and two at All Saints in Madison Lake, Minnesota, until 2005. From 1999 until 2005, she was also principal at All Saints. In 2005, she moved to her ministry at Loyola Catholic School, Mankato, Minnesota, serving initially as a first grade teacher (2005-07), then as principal of the primary unit (2007-2016), and finally as mission integration associate. Sister Mary Beth earned a B.A. in education and theology from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1976, and an M.S. in child development and early childhood education from Wheelock College, Boston, in 1993.

Another important aspect of Sister Mary Beth's ministry was liturgical music. As a School Sister of Notre Dame, Sister Mary Beth was involved in vocation ministry, the province vocation committee, the Global Connections Border Experience (2008) and the English Language Camp in Budapest, Hungary (2011).

She is survived by her sister Marie Groebner (Jerry); and her brother Gary; nieces and nephews and her sisters in community, the School Sisters of Notre Dame and SSND associates. She was preceded in death by her parents Francis and Lorraine (Fasnacht) Schraml; and her brother Gayle and his wife Sandy.

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>.

