

June 9, 2019

Sister Marjorie (Mary Benjamin) Myers, SSND
Educator; SSND Historian

Mankato, Minnesota – Sister Marjorie (Mary Benjamin) Myers, SSND, 90, died on Sunday, June 9, 2019, at Notre Dame Health Care, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota. In her SSND ministry, she was an elementary and secondary educator, church musician, historian, archivist and resource person.

The funeral Mass was celebrated on June 14, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel. Burial of her cremains will follow at a later date in the Good Counsel cemetery.

Sister Marjorie was born on March 13, 1929, in Lisle, Illinois. She entered the SSND candidature in 1948. In July 1950, she was given the name Sister Mary Benjamin, chosen for her older brother who died during World War II in November 1943. She later returned to her baptismal name.

Following profession of first vows in July 1951, Sister Marjorie began teaching at St. Francis, Buffalo, Minnesota. Her teaching ministry continued at Sacred Heart, Heron Lake, Minnesota; St. Mark, Shakopee, Minnesota; St. Anthony, Lismore, Minnesota; SS. Cyril and Methodius, Minneapolis; St. Anne, Bismarck, North Dakota; St. Dominic, Northfield, Minnesota; and Sacred Heart, St. Paul. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from the former Mount Mary College in 1956 and a master's degree in geography from St. Louis University in 1965.

Sister Marjorie taught geography for three semesters at the former Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. In the fall of 1982, she began working with Sister Barbara Brumleve in the Interprovincial Heritage Resource Project. From 1982 until 1994, Sister Marjorie was instrumental in the design of the SSND Grassroots Heritage summer workshops. In early 1993, Sister Marjorie was a senior clinical research assistant to Dr. David Snowdon from the University of Kentucky's Center on Aging, assisting with the Nun Study. Recognizing her communication skills, the North American SSND provincials appointed Sister Marjorie coordinator of the former North American Major Area (NAMA) communications in 1998, a position she held until 2001.

She is survived by two sisters-in-law, 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, Thomas and Agnes (Hoffman) Myers, her sisters, Audrey Humbert and Constance Ogden, and her brothers, Robert, Benjamin and Thomas.

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>.

