



August 28th, 2019

**Sister Colleen Hennessey, SSND
Teacher, Principal, Administrator**

Chatawa, Mississippi - Sister Colleen Hennessey died at St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi around 8:20 a.m. on August 19, 2019. Colleen was a teacher, principal, and administrator.

Prayer service and visitation for Sister Colleen was on Friday, August 23 at St. Teresa Church in Chatawa. Sister Colleen was buried at Chatawa Cemetery.

Sister Colleen Hennessey was born Audrey Ann on June 10, 1927 in St. Louis. She was the eldest of two children. Audrey Ann attended Nathaniel Hawthorne Elementary and Hanley Junior High School in University City, Missouri. Audrey Ann completed her high school education at Rosati Kain in St. Louis in 1945 and entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame convent in August of that year. She professed her vows in 1948 and took the name Sister Colleen, which was later changed to Colleen. She received her Bachelors degree from Webster College (now University), her Masters in Education from DePaul University and her Doctoral degree from University of New Mexico.



Sister Colleen was a teacher and administrator in Missouri, Louisiana and Texas. She taught every grade level from kindergarten through high school, then served in administration as a Diocesan Supervisor. She eventually became Dean of the College of Education at the University of Dallas and Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the diocese of Houston for 26 years. Later in her life Sister Colleen served as President of St. Michael's school in New Orleans and also served as Eucharist minister to the homebound in St. Angela Merici Parish. She retired to St. Mary of the Pines in 2019, at age 92, where she spent her final days.

She is survived by her brother, Thomas Luke Hennessey and his children Thomas Hennessey, JR. (Michelle), Mary H. Recker (Ronnie), Colleen H. Motz (Steve), Patricia H. Smyre, Kevin Hennessey (Linda) and Timothy Hennessey (Rita), and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Hennessey and her mother, Alice (Lamb) Hennessey and her sister-in-law, Marie Hennessey.

Memorials for the retirement care of the School Sisters of Notre Dame may be sent to St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi 39657.