

September 6, 2019

Sister Dolores Shea, SSND
Teacher, Music Director, Pastoral Minister

St. Louis, Missouri – Sister Dolores Shea, 88, died August 31, 2019 at Elizabeth House, The Sarah Community, Bridgeton, Missouri. She served as a teacher, music director and pastoral minister.

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

A wake and prayer service were held at The Sarah Community and Theresa Center on September 3, 2019. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the following morning.

Sister Dolores was born in 1931 in St. Louis. She professed first vows on August 2, 1954, and final vows on August 2, 1960. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, in 1960 and a master's degree in education from St. Louis University in 1968.

During her 65 years as a vowed religious, Sister Dolores served in a variety of ministries. She was an elementary educator for 27 years, an organist and director of the children's choir for 16 years, and a pastoral minister for 11 years while serving as the director of religious education for four years. Later she became a tutor for seven years and a driver for the retired sisters at Villa Gesu for two years. She visited the sick and infirmed and cared for the elderly in their homes through the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Care Ministries program for five years. She also volunteered at de Greeff Hospice House at St. Anthony's Medical Center for six years.

Sister Dolores is survived by her brother, Donald (Rosemary) Shea, nieces, nephews and their children. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Robert. Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 320 E. Ripa Ave., Saint Louis, MO, 63125-2897, or online at www.ssndcentralpacific.org/Partner/Donation

