

November 13, 2019

Sister Carol Ann Collins
Teacher, Provincial Councilor, Spiritual Director

St. Louis, Missouri – Sister Carol Ann Collins passed away peacefully in the Infirmary at Sancta Maria in Ripa on October 17, 2019. In her SSND ministry, she served as a Teacher, Provincial Councilor, and Spiritual Director.

A wake service was held at Theresa Center on October 25, 2019. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the following morning with Rev. Clyde Grogan presiding. Burial was in the Sancta Maria in Ripa cemetery.

Sister Carol Ann had received a bachelor's degree in English from the former Notre Dame College in 1957 and a master's degree in English from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio in 1962. Sister Carol Ann taught primary students at St. Mary of Victories, St. Louis; St. Paul, Highland, Illinois; St. Michael, Shrewsbury, Missouri. For two and a half years, she taught at Mater Dei High School, Breese, Illinois.



Earlier in 1960, Sister Carol Ann was asked to begin graduate studies in French. She took courses at the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, to give her an equivalent of a bachelor's degree in French. Having received a Title IV National Defense Educational grant, she registered at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. She then was sent to Catholic University in Washington, DC to pursue the doctoral degree. A professor in the French department did not want her in the department, so she transferred to the University of Illinois at Urbana where she received her Ph.D. in French in 1967. She taught French at the former Notre Dame College for four years. She was appointed Acting President, an interim position, for two years and then became Academic Dean until the college closed in 1977.

With the closure of Notre Dame College, Sister Carol Ann was asked to pursue training in human communications. She became a facilitator for local communities, school faculties and parish councils. She served on the International Revision Committee for the revision of the Rule and Constitution as directed by Vatican Council II. She spent one year in the Department of Shared Responsibility in the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. She was coordinator of the Pastoral Plan for the Springfield, Illinois diocese for five years. Sister Carol Ann was elected to the St. Louis provincial council in 1991 and served two terms.

Her three nieces: Deborah Humiston, Diane Amsler and Barbara Stogsdill with their families, classmates, friends, former students, colleagues, SSNDs attended the funeral services. She was preceded in death by her parents

and her sister, Carol Ann Wilson, who died in December 2018. Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Resource Development, 320 East Ripa Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63125, or online at <https://www.ssndcentralpacific.org/give>.