

October 14, 2019

Sister Lucille Heidenreich
Teacher, musician, nurse

Elm Grove, Wisconsin – Sister Lucille Heidenreich was born to Eternal Life on October 3, 2019 at age 97. In her SSND ministry, she served as a Teacher and musician, and nurse.

A prayer service and funeral Mass was held at Notre Dame Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, on October 12, 2019. She was buried in the Notre Dame of Elm Grove Cemetery in Elm Grove, Wisconsin.

Lucille entered Notre Dame Convent on Milwaukee Street in 1937, and professed July 17, 1941.



When Sister Lucille was received in 1940, she was given the name Thomas Aquinas. Having years of piano lessons, she went on to teach music, some academic subjects and was organist for 21 years. When Sister was missioned to Elm Grove, Wisconsin, she was trained on the job as a nursing, which she did for ten years under the supervision of Sister Miriam Sheila. Besides the duties of nursing, she developed a music therapy program with the sisters. This proved to be valuable to the sisters' physical and psychological betterment. Sister completed studies to become a Registered, Certified Music Therapist. She spent 33 years in mission at Notre Dame of Elm Grove.

When given the privilege to retire, Sister Lucille chose to retire at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Calvary. Two weeks before Sister was to leave for Mt. Calvary, her brother, Father Francis died as a resident of the Villa, Mt. Calvary. He died on our Lady's Feast of the Assumption. In 2011, Sister returned to Elm Grove. Sister was given another opportunity to teach recreation therapists the value of her music therapy program.

She is preceded in death by her parents John & Margaret, her brothers Fr. Francis OFM Cap, Lawrence, Eugene, Gerald, John A., and her sisters, Marie Grand and Margaret Sanhuber.

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>.

