

November 13, 2019

Sister M. Madeleine Sophie Witt
Teacher

St. Louis, Missouri – Sister Mary Madeleine Sophie Witt, 95, died peacefully at Anna House, The Sarah Community, Bridgeton, Missouri on All Souls Day, November 2, 2019. In her SSND ministry, she served as a teacher.

A wake service was held at The Sarah Community and Theresa Center on November 7, 2019. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the following morning with Reverend Ralph Parthie, OFM as presider. Burial was in the Sancta Maria in Ripa cemetery.

Mary Carlene entered the candidature at Sancta Maria in Ripa on August 27, 1941. After two years in the candidature, she was received into the novitiate on July 27, 1943, and given the name Mary Madeleine Sophie. Profession of first vows was on July 28, 1944, and final vows on July 28, 1950.

She received a bachelor's degree in biology for the former LeClerc College, Belleville, Illinois, in 1949; a master's degree in Theology from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana in 1963; a master's degree in Spirituality from the University of San Francisco in 1980.

Sister Madeleine Sophie taught for five years in elementary schools: St. John Nepomuk and St. Alphonsus [Rock] in St. Louis and St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles, Missouri. She taught secondary students at Loose Creek Public High School, Loose Creek, Missouri; St. Joseph, Conway, Arkansas; Notre Dame High School, St. Louis, Missouri; St. Paul High School, Santa Fe Springs, California; and Helias High School, Jefferson, City, Missouri.

In 2002, she retired for several months at Mary, Queen of the Universe convent in St. Louis. When the convent closed in 2003, she was missioned to the motherhouse where she became involved in a variety of volunteer ministries. As her health failed, she was transferred to Veronica House in 2006, and to Anna House in 2010. She passed away peacefully and quietly in Anna House after taking a few sips of water at the lunch table on All Souls Day, November 2, 2019, five days before her 96th birthday.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother John Joseph and her sisters: Patricia Ann Hertig and Norma Mae Gilter. 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>.

