



Birth
December 21, 1926

Baptism
January 2, 1927

Profession
July 31, 1946

Death
April 24, 2013

Sister Simone donated her
body to St. Louis University
School of Medicine

*Precious and blessed is
the death of the faithful
before God... for
they die in union with
their dear Jesus, in the
grace of God, in peace.*

Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger
Foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame
Letter 11, September 10, 1831

In Loving Memory

Sister M. Simone Wolf, SSND

Elizabeth Ann was born on December 21, 1926, in St. Louis, Missouri to Elizabeth [Ulrich] and Simon Wolf. She was baptized on January 2, 1927, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. She was the fifth of 16 children, 10 girls and six boys, born into a family who owned their own bakery business. As one of the older children, she quickly learned to share and accept responsibility within the large family. Her childhood was a happy one with all these brothers and sisters to play with and to help in caring for them.

She attended kindergarten through eighth grade at Our Lady of Sorrows School, which was staffed by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She entered St. Elizabeth Academy for her freshman year of high school. However, Betty Ann had always had a desire to be a sister and confiding in one of her former grade school teachers, she learned about the aspiranture. Her parents gave her permission to enter the aspiranture at Ripa for her sophomore year. At the completion of her junior year, she asked permission to become a candidate. She entered the candidature on August 25, 1943. She was received into the novitiate on July 30, 1945, and given the name, Mary Simone, in honor of her father. She professed first vows on July 31, 1946, and final vows on July 31, 1952.

Sister Simone was awarded a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis in 1957 and a master's degree in elementary education from Arkansas State University, Conway, Ark. in 1960.

Sister Simone taught intermediate grades at Holy Angels and St. Joseph, East St. Louis, Ill.; Our Lady of Lourdes, Mobile, Ala. and St. Joseph, Scott City, Mo. She was principal at St. Joseph, Scott City and St. Paul, Highland, Ill. She taught two years at the high school level at St. Mary's High School, Gainesville, Texas, and St. Mary's High School in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

In 1966, she began a seven-year term as the Parish School of Religion Coordinator for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Mo. This was followed by four years as a member of a PSR team at St. Joseph, Manchester, Mo. The team prepared adult volunteers to teach religion to the children who attended the parish school of religion.

In 1979, her career took a turn from formal education to learning the nuts and bolts of keeping a large complex operating smoothly and efficiently. She was the director of maintenance for the St. Louis motherhouse for six years. This was followed by 16 years as director of maintenance for Villa Gesu, the former SSND retirement home in St. Louis. When Villa Gesu was sold, Sister Simone was an invaluable resource to the new owners. She remained on site during the transitional phase of renovation as the new ownership prepared the buildings for their purposes.

She moved into the motherhouse in December 2001 and volunteered in a variety of ways for the next eight years. In May 2009, she was missioned to Veronica House. Over the years, Sister Simone suffered several heart related

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conditions. On April 23, 2013, she suffered a heart attack and died peacefully at De Paul Hospital, Bridgeton, Mo. on April 24 around 3:20 a.m. with her niece, Joan Zilch, and a SSND praying at her bedside. She donated her body to St. Louis University School of Medicine.

A memorial Mass was celebrated on May 1, 2013, in Theresa Center chapel with her brother, Rev. Joseph Wolf, as president. She is survived by seven sisters: S. Joan Wolf, CDP, of Kingston, Mass.; Mary Lou [Victor] Ottenlips of Town & Country, Mo.; Rose [Tom] Landolt, Therese Owens, Virginia Wolf, Suzanne [Elon] Foitik, Connie Wolf, all of St. Louis; and three brothers: Rev. Joseph Wolf, Kirkwood, Mo.; Donald [Gerry] Wolf and Jim [Cathy] Wolf of St. Louis; sister-in-law, Jeanne Wolf of Lake Oswego, Ore.; numerous nieces, nephews, and their children; relatives, friends and SSNDs.

Sister Simone was an outgoing and friendly person who enjoyed playing cards and visiting with others. She was capable of accepting responsibility and making hard decisions. She had a great love of poverty and did not wish to have many possessions. She was a compassionate and caring person and cheerfully gave to those in need. A prayerful woman, she loved her family and friends deeply. Almost half of her religious life was spent in community service in which she touched the lives of numerous sisters, employees, vendors and lay persons. May she now rejoice in her new home as she is welcomed into eternal life by our Risen Savior!

By Sister Carol Marie Wildt, SSND