

In Loving Memory

Sister Mary Anastasia Glanbin, SSND



Birth
August 22, 1917

Baptism
August 26, 1917

Profession
August 3, 1937

Death
June 21, 2012

Burial
Notre Dame of
Elm Grove Cemetery
Elm Grove, Wisconsin

*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

Sister Mary Anastasia Glanbin answered God's call faithfully, celebrating 75 years this summer as a School Sister of Notre Dame. Born the fifth of eight children (seven girls and one boy) to Samuel and Anastasia (Hebel) Glanbin on August 22, 1917, in Highland Park, Michigan, she was given the name Dorothy Ann four days later at her baptism. While still very young, the family moved to Detroit. At age six, Dorothy was enrolled at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral School, where, upon first meeting a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, she resolved to be a religious sister when she grew up. As a first grader, she was proud to receive her First Holy Communion, and in the evening of the same day, to be confirmed by Bishop Plagens. Going to the cathedral school for the first four years was a two mile hike in good weather, but in the winter the Glanbin children were driven to school.

Because the parish church boundaries changed, Dorothy transferred as a fifth grader to Sacred Heart School, a mere six blocks from home, where Dorothy's teachers were the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Due to the prayers and influence of her eighth grade teacher, Sister Mary Adeltrudis Jungblut, Dorothy entered the SSND Juniorate in Milwaukee in the fall of 1931. The first of her family to "leave the nest," Sister remembered her mother crying as they said good-bye at the Detroit train station. She was even more deeply impressed by the tears of her father, whom she had never seen cry and who was rather reluctant to grant permission for her entering the convent.

After three years of high school studies at the motherhouse, Dorothy began her career as a teacher with the fourth grade students at Holy Assumption School, West Allis, Wis. She contracted scarlet fever from a student, which resulted in spending six weeks of quarantine and a summer of recuperation at her family's Michigan cottage. Returning to Milwaukee for a year of college, she was received into the novitiate on July 23, 1936, and given the name Mary Anastasia.

After her profession in 1937, Sister continued to serve in the field of education for more than 50 years, as teacher and principal in the following locations: Holy Redeemer, Madison, Wis., 1937-45; St. Ambrose, Chicago, 1945-50; Holy Angels, West Bend, Wis., 1950-55; St. Joseph, Logansport, Ind., 1955-61; St. Helena, Chicago, 1961-62; SS. Peter and Paul, Gary, Ind., 1962-69; SS. Peter and Paul, Merrillville, Ind., 1969-76; St. Joseph, Galion, Ohio, 1976-79; and Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs, Mich., 1979-84. When the school at Harbor Springs closed in 1984, Sister Anastasia and Sister Imeldis Wojciechowicz opened a child care center there. Their staff cared for as many as 80 to 100 children a day, including babies.

Sister Anastasia gladly served her students, teachers, and families for 59 years, retiring in 1996 at St. Isidore Convent, Grand Rapids, Mich. She moved to various residences in Michigan before coming to Notre Dame of Elm Grove in 2001. Ten years later in 2011, Our Lady of the Angels became her home. It

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was there that on June 21, 2012, she responded to God's call to "come home" — a unique jubilee year gift. Through her long and grace-filled life she shared encouragement and strength with students, faculties, friends, family and her sisters in community.

Visitation and a wake service were celebrated June 27, 2012, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Family Chapel, Notre Dame of Elm Grove. Sister Mary Anastasia is survived by her nieces Dorothy (Tom) Salvadori, Joann Urbanek, nephew Gilbert Urbanek, other relatives, friends and the SSND Community.

By Sister Marie Rose VanDeurzen, SSND and Sister Lucy Nigh, SSND