

In Loving Memory

Sister Teresa [John de Rossi] Marquardt, SSND



Birth

December 1, 1913

Baptism

December 7, 1913

Profession

August 7, 1934

Death

March 2, 2012

Burial

Sancta Maria in
Ripa Cemetery
St. Louis, Missouri

*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

On December 1, 1913, the second of four children was born to Mary [Berberich] and John Marquardt in St. Louis, Mo. She was baptized at Sts. Peter and Paul Church on December 7, 1913, and given the name Teresa Clara. When she was eight years old, a younger sister and brother died within one week from scarlet fever and diphtheria. Teresa grew up with one brother, Henry, and they became close companions.

Teresa attended Sts. Peter and Paul Grade School taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She longed to give her life to God, so she asked her parents to allow her to enter SSND as a graduation gift from elementary school. Feeling she was too young, they encouraged her to first complete the two-year commercial course offered at Sts. Peter and Paul.

However, her entrance was delayed due to her mother's illness. When her mother had sufficiently recovered, parental consent was given and she entered the candidature at Ripa on February 1, 1931. In September, she was missioned to teach elementary students at St. Mary, Fort Madison, Iowa. The following year, she returned to the candidature and completed her high school studies. On July 19, 1933, she was received into the novitiate and given the name M. John de Rossi. She professed first vows on August 7, 1934, and final vows on July 18, 1940.

She received a bachelor's degree in business administration from LeClerc College, Belleville, Ill. in 1949.

Following profession, Sister Teresa taught business subjects for 45 years in various high schools: Catholic Central High School in Fort Madison, Iowa; St. Dominic High School and Mater Dei High School, Breese, Ill.; Notre Dame High School, Quincy, Ill.; Helias High School, Jefferson City, Mo. She is fondly remembered by her students and often would attend class reunions. She greatly enjoyed re-connecting with them and rejoiced that they were making a success of their lives.

In 1979, she came to the motherhouse and worked part time in the Liturgical Fabric Arts Department making vestments. Two years later, she returned to education as a teacher aide at Notre Dame High School, St. Louis. From 1983-1995, she ministered as secretary in the Vocation Office. For 12 years, she served as an intermediary between the missions in India and donors here in the U.S. This was her way of helping the missions and the poor.

Severe pain in her neck and arms resulted in two surgeries and retirement at the age of 82. During her retirement years, Sister Teresa continued to volunteer at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital one day a week, caring for the little babies by rocking, feeding or playing with them. When she was missioned to Veronica House in 2001, she had given 1,915 hours of volunteer service at Cardinal Glennon Hospital.

In 2005, Sister Teresa was transferred to Anna House. She peacefully went home to God on March 2, 2012, at 10:58 p.m. as a sister kept vigil with her.

continued

In Loving Memory



*Sister Teresa (John de Rossi)
Marquardt*



To make a memorial gift,
please visit our secure
online donation page [here](#)>

For more information,
contact info@ssndcp.org.

www.ssndcentralpacific.org



**School Sisters
of Notre Dame**
Central Pacific Province

TRANSFORMING THE WORLD
THROUGH EDUCATION

A wake/vigil was held at Anna House and Theresa Center chapel on March 8, 2011. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the following morning with Rev. Ron Chochol presiding. Burial was in the Ripa cemetery. There are no immediate survivors. Relatives, friends, former students and SSNDs attended the funeral services.

Sister Teresa was an excellent business teacher, seamstress and baker. Her cookies were so good that some people thought she was a home economics teacher. Prayer and suffering were two aspects of her life that drew her closer to God and to others. She was a cheerful person and a delightful community member. In her later years, her great joy was to care for the little babies and visit with their parents.

In 2009, she celebrated her 75th jubilee as a School Sister of Notre Dame, placing her life in God's hands and trusting that God would be with her until she was called home. After her long wait, may Sister Teresa now be filled with peace and happiness as she is reunited with her family and graced with the blessings of God who lovingly cared for her throughout her life of 98 years!

By Sister Carol Marie Wildt, SSND