



Birth
March 26, 1926

Baptism
April 4, 1926

Profession
July 31, 1947

Death
April 5, 2022

Burial
Notre Dame of Elm Grove
Cemetery

*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 Alice Jeannette (Mary La Reine) Giere

Sister Alice Jeannette was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on March 26, 1926, on her mother's birthday. She was the third of four children born to John Carl Giere and Lorena Alice Brown. Her siblings are Ursula, born in 1922; John Edward (also known as Jack), born in 1924; and Joan Frances (who also became a School Sister of Notre Dame) who was born three years after Alice, in 1929. Joan's religious name was Sister Mary Jonathan.

Alice entered first grade at St. Patrick's School, Fort Wayne, Indiana, at age five because she was so lonesome for Jack when he started school. Her mother obtained permission from the pastor to allow her to join him in school, but only if she would be able to tolerate this early entry, which she did. She says that though she was a year younger than her classmates, she was always the tallest in her class.

She received her First Holy Communion in second grade and Confirmation in third grade. Throughout grade school and high school, she was taught by the Sisters of Providence. She found it difficult to mix with her schoolmates in the new school because many of them were from affluent families. However, she adjusted well in high school. She became very much involved with other students and won an academic honor monogram. She served on the school paper and thoroughly enjoyed life.

Though she did not have School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) in high school, some of her friends had SSND in grade school, and this made her feel that there must be something special about SSND. She began to feel that she could become one of them someday. She says, "Providentially, my junior homeroom teacher became Sister Mary Ellen Stangler, a School Sister Notre Dame." On the very first day in her homeroom, she knew that she wanted to be a SSND. After graduation, her father advised her to work a year before entering and this, she thought, strengthened her call to join SSND.

On September 3, 1944, her parents accompanied her on the train to Milwaukee and her father teased her about being "in the midst of all those breweries." Her ministry included 17 years of teaching children in middle school, teaching language arts, religion and social studies. She found it challenging and relied on God's help. For 16 years, she was an administrator, and for nine of these years, she also taught full or part-time.

Her last ministry was as a secretary at Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee. Then, she became a massage therapist as well as a tutor at Milwaukee Achiever. She retired in 1999. Sister Alice was much in love with life and all that it had to offer. She now rests in peace.

The visitation, Service of Remembrance and Mass of Christian Burial were celebrated on April 13, 2022, at Trinity Woods, Milwaukee.

By Sister Marie Rose Van Deurzen, SSND

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