



In Loving Memory

Sister Annamary (Marie Teresine) Fellner

The oldest of four children was born to Mary Clare (Millmann) and Andrew Fellner on August 19, 1941, in Belleville, Illinois. She was baptized at St. Luke Church on August 31, 1941, and named Annamary Therese. During the next eight years, her sisters, Jane and Margaret, and her brother, Andrew, Jr., were born.

Annamary's first six years of elementary education were at St. Luke's Grade School where she was taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The family moved to St. Teresa's Parish where she spent her last two years at the parish school. She had thought about the possibility of a religious vocation and during an eight grade day of recollection at Sancta Maria in Ripa, she received the grace to say, "Yes." Her parents were happy about her decision and readily gave consent for her to come to the Aspiranture. She graduated from Notre Dame High in 1959.

Annamary received the candidate's veil at her home parish of St. Teresa on August 23, 1959. She was received into the novitiate on July 30, 1960, and given the name Marie Teresine. She professed first vows on July 31, 1961, and final vows on July 29, 1966. She later returned to her baptismal name of Annamary. She earned a bachelor's degree in music theory from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, in 1963, and a master's degree in elementary education from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, in 1977.

For 29 years, Sister Annamary was an elementary teacher and also, ministered as the liturgist and pastoral minister at: St. Bernadette, St. Louis, Missouri; St. Francis, Aviston, Illinois; St. Bridget, Pacific, Missouri; St. Francis of Assisi, Teutopolis, Illinois; and Sacred Heart, Eureka, Missouri. In 1992, she was a pastoral associate for one year in three Illinois parishes: St. Ann, Niantic; Visitation, Illiopolis and St. Joseph, Buffalo.

She was missioned to Immaculate Conception, Union, Missouri in 1993. During the next 27 years, she ministered as a teacher, music coordinator, director of religious education and liturgy director.

Because of health issues, Sister Annamary was missioned to Veronica House, The Sarah Community, in mid-July 2020. She was hospitalized and passed away peacefully on August 5, 2020, at DePaul Hospital, Bridgeton, Missouri.

A burial service was held at Theresa Center, St. Louis, on August 10, 2020. Burial was in Sancta Maria in Ripa cemetery. Attending the burial service were her brother, Andrew; and her sister, Margaret Smelser; relatives; teachers and choir members from Immaculate Conception in Union, Missouri; classmates; friends and SSND. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date.

She is survived by her sister, Margaret (Len) Smelser; her brother, Andrew Fellner, Jr, and relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Jane G. Lucas-Marriott.

Sister Annamary was a competent musician and teacher. Her calm and quiet

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Birth
August 19, 1941

Baptism
August 31, 1941

Profession
July 31, 1961

Death
August 5, 2020

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

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manner enabled her to respond to the various challenges during her years in ministry. She had an intense interest in genealogy and volunteered at the Mormon Family History Center. She had also made contact with and visited relatives in Germany and France. She enjoyed reading and sewing. May she now rejoice in her new life, as she joins the angelic choirs in praise of her loving God.

By Sister Carol Marie Wildt, SSND

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