



Birth
April 23, 1929

Baptism
April 28, 1929

Profession
August 6, 1948

Death
April 30, 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 Audrey (Paul Vincent) Straub

Sister Audrey Straub met our God on Saturday afternoon, April 30th, 2022, at Our Lady of the Angels in Greenfield, Wisconsin.

Audrey arrived on April 23rd, 1929, to the family of Hugo and Margaret (Wenniger) Straub in Campbellsport, Wisconsin. She was the third child and the only girl among five boys. Since she was the only girl, some believed that she was pampered. According to Audrey, that was quite the contrary. Her father called her 'Pebbles' because he said that she was the only pebble on the beach, but that was the extent to which she was pampered.

The family home and dairy farm were near the city of Campbellsport, Wisconsin. Audrey recalls that the family was a happy one. She believed that it was through her parents prayerfulness that the family was blessed with two vocations, her Reverend brother Carrol's and her own.

The children went to school at St. Killian's in Campbellsport. After grade school, Audrey entered the Juniorate at Longwood also known as the Academy of Our Lady in Chicago. At the age of 16, she was accepted into the candidature at the former Notre Dame Convent in Milwaukee. Audrey was sent to teach at St. Anne's in Milwaukee during her second year of candidature. She found this year difficult because she felt alone as the only candidate in that mission. However, she entered the novitiate receiving the name of Sister Mary Paul Vincent. She professed her first vows on August 6, 1948. Later, when it was acceptable, she returned to her baptismal name of Audrey.

Her teaching ministry began at SS. Peter and Paul, Wisconsin Rapids from 1948-1950, where she taught first and second grade and prepared children for their First Communion. For the next 12 years, she taught and prepared children for their First Communion at Christ King, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, from 1951-1960, and at St. Louis, Glen Haven, Indiana, from 1961-1963. While she was teaching, Sister Audrey was still working on her bachelors in art from Mount Mary College (now University) and graduated in 1960.

During her years at Christ King, her brother, Carrol, was ordained as a Catholic priest. In Sister Audrey's autobiography she said, "Truly, I can say that this was the happiest day of my life as well as for the entire family. It was the first time that we had all been together since I left home!"

In 1963, her next assignment was to St. John De La Salle, Chicago, teaching in intermediate grades. Then came St. Stephen's, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, from 1964-1968, where she was the principal of the school and teacher for the junior high students.

Sister Audrey was called to a new ministry as she assumed the administrator position at the former Notre Dame Health Care Center at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, from 1969 to 1971. She became very close to the retired sisters during these three years. Recognizing her gifts, she was again

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Vincent) Straub*



called to assume the ministry of principal at Holy Angels, West Bend, from 1971-1978. During this time, she was near her home in Campbellsport.

After eight years as principal, she was called to a new ministry, which was a different challenge altogether, she returned to school to prepare for her next ministry as a Diocesan Marriage Counselor. She attended Marquette University, Milwaukee, and the Catholic University of America, Washington D. C. After graduating in 1980, for the next 23 years, Sister Audrey worked in the Diocese of Rockford, Rockford, Illinois, as a Defender of the Bond; Judge for Marriage Tribunal. Even after her retirement, she was working with married couples—enjoying being able to help.

In 2005, Sister Audrey retired to the former Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. She was missioned to Our Lady of the Angels, Greenfield, in 2012, where she served in prayer and presence. At Our Lady of the Angels, Sister Audrey was always the gracious hostess and provided a welcoming atmosphere to everyone. She was known as Judge Judy by some of the caring staff because she was a, “Judge for couples to stay together or go apart,” as she would put it in general conversation.

Sister Audrey passed away on Saturday, April 30th, 2022. Sister Audrey Straub’s Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, May 9, 2022, at Trinity Woods, Milwaukee with Father Joe Haas presiding. She was buried at Notre Dame of Elm Grove Cemetery, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Sister Audrey is survived by her sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews and her SSND sisters and associates. Sister Audrey is preceded in death by her parents, Hugo and Margaret, her brothers, Charles, Neal, Claude, Hugh and Fr. Carrol Straub.

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