

In Loving Memory

Sister Doris Jean (Mary Raphael) LeBrun



Birth
February 3, 1935

Baptism
February 10, 1935

Profession
July 12, 1955

Death
February 12, 2024

Burial
Notre Dame of Elm Grove

*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 Doris Jean, 89, died peacefully on Monday, February 12, 2024, at Milwaukee Catholic Home, Milwaukee, having patiently awaited full union with God.

Doris Jean was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on February 3, 1935. The second child of John and Margaret LeBrun, her parents named her Doris Eugena. Doris Jean was baptized February 10, 1935, at St. Mary Parish in DePere, Wisconsin.

The family grew to include nine siblings: Dorothy, Eunice, Marilyn, Don, Mary, Gloria, Roger, Joanne and Samatha.

Doris Jean attended St. Mary Parish for her entire grade school education. The School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) were her teachers. Doris Jean attended high school at St. Joseph's Academy in Green Bay. On August 30, 1953, she entered the SSND community in Milwaukee.

The following year, on June 29, 1954, Doris Jean received the name Mary Raphael, and began her year of novitiate. On July 12, 1955, she pronounced her first vows. Her final vows were on July 11, 1961 in Mequon, Wisconsin.

Sister Doris Jean earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mount Mary College (now University), in Milwaukee in 1970 and a master's degree in educational administration in 1977 from Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Sister Doris Jean's ministry experiences began in 1956 as a primary teacher at St. Joseph School in Logansport, Indiana. She taught primary grades at St. Patrick, Elkhorn, Wisconsin starting in 1960 and then at St. Augustine in Milwaukee in 1963.

In 1966, she became the principal at Corpus Christi School, Milwaukee, where her duties continued to include teaching responsibilities. In 1978, Sister Doris Jean was sent to be the principal at St. Nicholas School in Freedom, Wisconsin. Starting in 1985, she once again resumed her role of elementary teacher, this time at Holy Assumption in West Allis, Wisconsin.

In 1989, Sister Doris Jean served as principal at St. Vincent de Paul in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She served once again as principal in 1991 at St. Joseph in Sturgeon

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Bay, Wisconsin. In 1994, Sister Doris Jean taught part time at Blessed Sacrament and part time at Holy Cross in Milwaukee.

Her gifts were well recognized, and in 1995 she took on an additional part time role at the Nativity Jesuit Middle School. In 1996, she took on a new role as the librarian at Notre Dame School in Milwaukee, where she also provided instruction on computer use. She remained at Notre Dame School until 2016.

Sister Doris Jean joined the Elm Grove community in 2014, where she enjoyed time being with the sisters, playing games and singing. She was also appreciated for sharing her computer knowledge and skills.

Sister Doris Jean did everything with her kind heart and patience. She was faithful in living her favorite quotation, "God does not lay upon us more than we can bear."

The funeral Mass for Sister Doris Jean was held on Monday, February 19, at the Mother Caroline chapel at Trinity Woods in Milwaukee. Father Leonard Barbian was president. A prayer of remembrance preceded the funeral. Burial followed in the Elm Grove cemetery.

Sister Doris Jean is survived by her sisters, Dorothy, Eunice, Marilyn, Mary, Gloria, Joann, and Samantha and her brothers Don and Roger. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Margaret and her brother Ray.

By Sister Marie Rose Van Deurzen, SSND