



Birth
April 6, 1931

Baptism
April 12, 1931

Profession
July 31, 1953

Death
June 2, 2018

Burial
Sancta Maria in Ripa
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 Doris (Ronald Marie) Probst

Sister Doris (formerly Ronald Marie) Probst, 87, died Saturday, June 2, 2018, at Anna House, The Sarah Community, Bridgeton, Missouri. She was born to Ronald and Blanche (Walsh) Probst in St. Louis. On April 12, 1931, she was baptized at Most Holy Name Parish and named Doris May.

Doris was always a “tomboy” and could do whatever the boys did. She looked out for her younger brother, Thomas, until he was old enough to do things for himself. Her father called her, “Dodie,” and this name stuck with her for her entire life.

Doris attended Mark Twain Public School for the first five grades and then enrolled at St. Engelbert’s, where she was taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Her sister, Mary Ellen, was born after Doris graduated from elementary school. Doris attended St. Alphonsus (Rock) High School. In addition to studying, Doris would help her grandmother take care of her baby sister and her sick mother. When she was a junior, her mother died of breast cancer. After Doris graduated from high school, her father married Helen Lane. Her step-mother now cared for Mary Ellen, which enabled Doris to enter the convent.

The thought of becoming a sister had been with Doris since she was in the fifth grade. She entered the candidature at Ripa on August 31, 1950. During her second year of candidature, she taught at Sacred Heart, Fort Madison, Iowa. She was received into the novitiate on July 29, 1952, and given the name Ronald Marie in honor of her father. Profession of first vows was on July 31, 1953, and final vows on July 31, 1959.

She received a bachelor’s degree in art from the former Notre Dame College, St. Louis, in 1960.

For 22 years, Sister Doris taught children in the primary grades. She taught at St. Peter Claver, Robertson, Missouri; St. Gerard Majella, San Antonio; St. Theresa/Little Flower, New Orleans; Immaculate Conception, West Alton, Missouri; St. Peter, Jefferson City, Missouri; St. Martin of Tours, Washington Park, Illinois; and St. Barbara and St. Andrew in St. Louis.

For seven years, she was the activity director at Villa Gesu, St. Louis. Sister Doris then became a pastoral care worker as she ministered to the elderly at Holy Trinity, St. Louis, for 11 years. In 1991, she had heart valve replacement surgery and returned to Villa Gesu to recuperate. She then served on Villa Gesu’s staff, working in the occupational therapy department and in laundry.

When Villa Gesu closed in 1999, Sister Doris was missioned to Our Lady of Loretto to live. She volunteered at Village North Retirement Home for six years. She was a Eucharistic minister at Village North Retirement Home, Christian Hospital Northeast and Our Lady of Loretto. In 2005, she received a pacemaker and retired at Village North Retirement Home. She and Sister Judith Jung worked to open a chapel there so that Catholic Mass could be held at the facility. In 2012, she was assigned to Veronica House and in 2014, to Anna House. In late May 2018, she was hospitalized; she returned to Anna House and

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was placed on hospice. Sister Doris passed away peacefully around 1:00 p.m. on June 2, 2018, at Anna House. Her sister, brother-in-law and niece were with her when she died.

Sister Doris will be remembered as a fun-loving person with a wonderful sense of humor. She was very devoted to her family and they loved her dearly. She would often go on vacations with them. She created gifts to give them for holidays and special occasions. Her early experience of looking out for her brother was manifested throughout her lifetime. Family members, primary school children, the elderly and those she encountered in her various ministries received her attention and care. At the time of her Diamond Jubilee in 2013, she described her 60 years as an SSND as, "All the people I have met through teaching and my other ministries have blessed me and brought God's love to me." May she now rejoice in God's loving embrace as she enters eternal life!

The wake/vigil was held at The Sarah Community and Theresa Center on June 5, 2018. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the following morning, with Rev. Clyde Grogan as presider. Burial was in the Sancta Maria in Ripa cemetery. She is survived by her sister, Mary Ellen (Walt) Bohn of Maryville, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ronald and Blanche Probst; her step-mother, Helen Lane Probst; and her brothers, Daniel and Thomas Probst.

By Sister Carol Marie Wildt, SSND

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