



# *In Loving Memory*

## Sister Dorothy Cherrier

Sister Dorothy was born on January 20, 1930 in Prairie de Chien, Wisconsin. She is the third of four children born to Roy and Edith (LaBonne)Cherrier. She was baptized six days later at St. Gabriel Parish in Prairie de Chien. She attended St. Gabriel’s grade school in Prairie de Chien for eight years. She remembers her First Communion because her mother made her dress and veil from her wedding dress and Dorothy was so proud of that fact.

After eighth grade, she went to Longwood Juniorate in Chicago for three years. Her favorite subject was French. She spent one year in the Candidature in the Motherhouse. The second year she was missioned to St. Luke’s in Gary, Indiana. On Reception Day in 1948, Dorothy received the name –Sister May Roy which was her father’s name.

Following her Profession in August of 1949, Sister Dorothy spent the next fourteen years teaching first and second grade at All Saint’s in Chicago, Illinois and at St. Joseph’s in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Next, in 1963, she was sent to teach French, English, Chemistry and Latin at various times at McDonell High school in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and at Catholic Central High School in Marinette, Wisconsin.

The summer of 1975, Sister Dorothy spent time at the House of Prayer at Mequon, Wisconsin. Her next assignment was at Notre Dame Health Care Center at Elm Grove as a nurse’s aid and helper in the pastoral care program. This was short lived because her mother had a stroke and Sister Dorothy went to be with her for the next five years. During this time she helped out as secretary at St. Gabriel’s School.

After her mother died, Sister Dorothy was asked to be secretary for the newly elected provincial leader, Sister Caroline Jakubowski. She served in that position for the next eight years. This assignment began her life as a secretary. From 1991 until 2006, Sister Dorothy served as General Secretary in Rome for eight years. After returning from Rome, she served as provincial secretary for Sister Marilyn Kesler. Following this assignment, she spent four years as provincial secretary for Sister Addie Lorraine Walker in the former Dallas province.

After Sister Dorothy retired in 2006, she lived at St. Peter and Paul in Milwaukee with other sisters who spent time in Rome at various assignments and worked at the province switchboard at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. In 2008 she moved to Notre Dame of Elm Grove and continued to work at the switchboard until this past year. In her autobiography she stated, “These are good times here and this will be my last place for assignments here before the last assignment in death. God has been so good and continues that goodness in every aspect of my life.” Sister Dorothy died on October 2nd, 2020 on the feast of the Guardian Angels. Survived by a niece, friends and the SSND community. Preceded in death by her parents LeRoy and Edith and her brothers Roy, Arthur and Jim. Rest in God’s love!

**Birth**  
January 20, 1930

**Baptism**  
January 26, 1930

**Profession**  
August 11, 1949

**Death**  
October 2, 2020

**Burial**  
Notre Dame of Elm Grove  
Cemetery,  
Elm Grove, Wisconsin

*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

*By Sister Marie Rose Van Duzend, SSND*

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