

# *In Loving Memory*

## Sister Dorothy (Barbara Edward) Land



**Birth**  
February 15, 1940

**Baptism**  
March 3, 1940

**Profession**  
July 31, 1963

**Death**  
January 19, 2024

**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

Sister Dorothy Land, 83, died peacefully Friday, January 19, 2024, at Our Lady of the Angels, Greenfield, Wisconsin. She patiently awaited full union with God.

Edward and Barbara Land welcomed their second child, Dorothy, February 14, 1940, in Milwaukee. Dorothy was baptized March 3, 1940, at St. Joseph Church, Milwaukee. Dorothy's immediate family was blessed with all girls, Carolyn, Joan, Jean, Anne and Barbara. When discussing her family, Sister Dorothy stated in her biography, "We had what we needed and most of all we experienced the love of my father and mother. As in most families in the 40s and 50s, dad was the bread winner and mom was a stay-at-home mom. She was always there to see us off to school in the morning and to welcome us when we came home in the afternoon. Mom had a tremendous job especially since she had five children in nine years in addition to raising my cousin whose parents were divorced."

Since all of the Land children attended Catholic grade school and high school, Dorothy attended St. Joseph Parish School, Grafton; St. Michael School, Milwaukee; Mother of Good Counsel School, Milwaukee; and Messmer High School, Milwaukee. According to Sister Dorothy, "As each of us graduated, we entered the work world to help support the family." Upon graduation, Dorothy worked at Acme Chemical Company, Milwaukee, in the Laboratory Department for four years. The year before she left, she became supervisor of the Laboratory Department.

On August 20, 1961, Dorothy entered the postulancy at Notre Dame of the Lake, Mequon, Wisconsin. The following year, July 16, 1962, she received the name, Barbara Edward as a novice. On July 31, 1963, Sister Dorothy pronounced her first vows and her final vows July 31, 1968. She later returned to baptismal name.

Sister Dorothy earned a bachelor's degree in English and math from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee, in 1969. She earned a master's degree in theology from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, in 1978.

In 1965, Sister Dorothy received her first teaching assignment: fourth grade at Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. For the next 11 years, she ministered in primary school education: fourth grade at St. Nicholas, Milwaukee (1968-1971); and sixth grade, language arts and religion at Notre Dame School in De Pere, Wisconsin (1971-1976). For the next seven years she ministered in religious education. First, Sister Dorothy was missioned to Holy Childhood in Harbor Springs, Michigan, as the Coordinator of Religious Education (1976-1977), and then to Holy Angels, West Bend, Wisconsin, as a Director of Religious Education (1977-1983).

In 1983, Sister Dorothy had the opportunity to spend a year at Our Lady of the Pines, in Chatawa, Mississippi, for personal growth. From 1984-1986, Sister Dorothy was the Director of Religious Education at St. Mary in Fond du Lac,

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Wisconsin. In 1986, Dorothy went back to the classroom as a religion teacher at Divine Savior Holy Angels, Milwaukee. For the next seven years, Sister Dorothy was as a Director of Religious Education at St. Veronica, Milwaukee (1986-1989), and St. Bridget, River Falls (1989-1994). In 1994, Sister Dorothy attended Boston College in Newton, Massachusetts.

In 1995, Sister Dorothy traveled to St. Cloud, Minnesota, to begin her work as a pastoral minister at Immaculate Conception Parish. Sister Dorothy came back to her home state of Wisconsin for pastoral ministry at St. Cecelia Parish in Thiensville, Wisconsin (1997-2001). By 2001, Sister Dorothy completed a year of community service at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Mount Calvary, Wisconsin. From 2002-2006, Sister Dorothy was Coordinator of the Ewens Spirituality Center at Mount Mary College (now University). From 2004-2010, she also became editor of *The Circle*, the newspaper for the former Milwaukee Province. In 2010, Sister Dorothy mostly retired. Finally, in 2012, Sister Dorothy moved to Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, where she fully retired but she enjoyed what she could do to serve the sisters. In 2017, Sister Dorothy joined the community of sisters at Our Lady of the Angels in Greenfield, Wisconsin.

Sister Dorothy did everything with her kind heart and patience. Sister Dorothy sums up her living, loving and growing as, "I am a seeker, have always been and will continue to be a seeker. I seek the truth; I seek love: I seek God."

The funeral Mass was held, Thursday, January 25, 2024, at the Mother Caroline Chapel at Trinity Woods, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with Father Joseph Haas as presider. A prayer of remembrance preceded the funeral. Burial followed in the Elm Grove cemetery. Sister Dorothy is survived by her sisters, Carolyn Land, Jean, Joan (Richard) Perry, Anne Mucic and Barbara; her nieces and nephews; her sisters in community, the School Sisters of Notre Dame and SSND associates. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Barbara Land.

*By Sister Marie Rose Van Deurzen, SSND*

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