



**Birth**  
May 26, 1934

**Baptism**  
May 30, 1934

**Profession**  
July 31, 1958

**Death**  
May 29, 2017

**Burial**  
Sancta Maria in Ripa  
Cemetery  
St. Louis, Missouri

*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 Elizabeth (Mary Victor) Klutho

The youngest of six children was born to Elizabeth (Von Bokel) and Victor Klutho on May 26, 1934 in Breese, IL. She was baptized at St. Dominic Church in Breese on May 30, 1934 and named Elizabeth Louise. Her oldest sister, Mary Ann, died in giving birth to her second child. Kathleen, the second oldest, died of pneumonia as an infant. Three brothers; Alfred, John and David completed the family.

Elizabeth (Betty) received her elementary and secondary education at St. Dominic Grade and High School where she was taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

She was inspired by the example of her teachers and thought seriously of becoming a sister. Uncertain of her calling, however, she moved to Denver, Colorado and was employed as a secretary. During this time, she responded to God's invitation and made up her mind to enter SSND.

She received the candidate's bonnet in her home parish and entered the candidature on September 2, 1956. After a year of college courses, she was received into the novitiate on July 30, 1957 and given the name, Mary Victor, in honor of her father. She professed first vows on July 31, 1958 and final vows on July 31, 1964.

S. Elizabeth earned a bachelor's degree in economics in 1960 from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master's degree in business education in 1971 from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

She began her teaching career at St. Anthony, Knoxville, IA. The following year, she was transferred to Our Lady of Fatima, Galena Park, TX for a year. During the next 42 years, she taught secondary students at Notre Dame High School, Quincy, IL; Notre Dame High School, Cape Girardeau MO; St. Francis de Sales and Notre Dame High School, St. Louis, MO. She taught business at Notre Dame High School, St. Louis, from 1974 to 2004 and was a volunteer from 2004 to 2006. As her health failed, she was sent to Anna House in April 2017 and died unexpectedly at 6:05 a.m. on May 29, 2017, three days after her 83rd birthday.

A wake was held at The Sarah Community and Theresa Center on June 1, 2017. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the following morning with Rev. Paul Rothschild as presider. Her great-niece, Julia Harrison of Breese, IL, former community members, classmates, friends, colleagues and SSNDs came together to celebrate her life. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Mary Ann Hemmer and Kathleen Klutho; her brothers, Alfred, John and David. Burial was in the Sancta Maria in Ripa cemetery.

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*Sister Elizabeth Klutho*

During her years in the St. Louis area, she would often spend weekends caring for family members. S. Elizabeth (Liz) was remembered as a compassionate, generous, fun-loving person who enjoyed telling stories and beginning or continuing traditions within the SSND community.

During her 30 years of teaching business at Notre Dame High School in St. Louis, she touched the lives of many young women, giving them the skills they needed to live independently. She taught them how to manage a household, how to watch for opportunities and accomplish resourcefulness in order to live beyond pay check to pay check. She was an academic advisor for more than 100 students during these years. Her door was always open for students and their questions. She gave many hours to Fall Festival booths, the annual publication of the “Buzz Book” and talking to alums. May S. Elizabeth now rejoice with her parents and siblings who have preceded her in death as she enters into the joys of God’s promise to reward those who teach others.

*By Sister Carol Marie Wildt, SSND*

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