



**Birth**  
June 15, 1926

**Baptism**  
July 4, 1926

**Profession**  
August 1, 1952

**Death**  
October 29, 2021

**Burial**  
Chatawa Cemetery,  
Chatawa, Mississippi

*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 Caroline) Morgan

**M**ary Elizabeth Morgan was born on June 15, 1926, in New Orleans. She was baptized on July 4, 1926, at St. Anthony Church, Gretna, Louisiana. She was the youngest of six children born to James Patrick and Caroline (Middleton) Morgan. The three girls and three boys of the Morgan family attended McDonogh #26 Public School in McDonoghville, Gretna, Louisiana, where their aunt was the principal.

Towards the end of Elizabeth's second year at Gretna High School, both her beloved mother and grandmother died. In her junior year, Elizabeth met the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) when she enrolled at Sacred Heart High School in New Orleans. She viewed the sisters as excellent teachers and friends. During her senior year, she thought of joining them and discussed the possibility of entering the candidature with the SSND. However, she decided to begin work on a degree at Loyola University in New Orleans. The Jesuits at Loyola University had a profound influence on her life. Her goal to enter religious life was strengthened during her time at Loyola University.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in English in 1947 from Loyola University, Elizabeth remained at home for two years, caring for her father and teaching at the nearby public elementary school. Later, she received a master's degree in English in 1967 from Xavier University in New Orleans.

On August 31, 1949, Elizabeth followed her call to become a SSND when she entered candidature at Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis. During her two years of candidature, Elizabeth taught at St. Gerard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and in Corpus Christi, Texas. She was received into the novitiate on July 30, 1951, and given the name Mary Caroline, in honor of her mother, grandmother and older sister. She professed first vows on August 1, 1952, and final vows on August 1, 1958. She later returned to her baptismal name.

Following profession, Sister Elizabeth taught at Redemptorist High School in New Orleans; St. Alphonsus (Rock) High School and Notre Dame High School, St. Louis; St. Gerard Majella, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and St. Gerard Regional High School, San Antonio. She taught Latin, literature and religion to high school students.

For 15 years, she taught and led religious education programs. These programs were at St. James, Coolidge; St. Helen, Eloy; and Sacred Heart and Nogales, Arizona. She was a pastoral minister at St. Odilia Religious Education Center, Tucson, Arizona, and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Page, Arizona. During her time in Arizona, she worked especially with those who were poor and with Native Americans.

Sister Elizabeth then pursued further education and training in clinical pastoral education. She worked for 16 years with addicted individuals as a certified chaplain, providing a religious aspect to the program to help the addicted recover. She ministered at Good Samaritan Hospital, Phoenix; Hazelden School of Addiction, Center City, Minnesota; Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Queen of Peace, St. Louis; Charter Hospital of Dallas,

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Plano, Texas; and Tau Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

When Sister Elizabeth retired in 1998, she sought volunteer ministries with SSND at St. Peter Elementary School, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Then, she moved back to Louisiana and was a tutor to students while living at the SSND-administrated Wynhoven Apartments in Marrero. From Wynhoven, she was able to attend to her oldest sister, Katherine, until her death.

Sister Elizabeth was one of those evacuated from the New Orleans area during Hurricane Katrina in 2005. She returned to Wynhoven many weeks later. After her sister Katherine's death, Sister Elizabeth moved to the former St. Mary of the Pines retirement center in Chatawa, Mississippi.

During her 10 years at Chatawa, Sister Elizabeth was a faithful participant in daily Mass and prayer. She volunteered where needed. She was an avid reader of culture and history, eagerly following developments in theology emanating from Vatican II, and she would engage others in discussion on such topics.

In 2019, with other community members from the former St. Mary of the Pines, she was transferred to St. Anthony's Gardens in Covington, Louisiana. Her health had been in decline for a few years. Her sister companions kept watch with her during her dying days. Sister Elizabeth went peacefully to her heavenly home in the early evening of Friday, October 29, 2021.

Sister Elizabeth requested a natural burial and was buried in the SSND Cemetery in Chatawa, Mississippi. A memorial Mass was celebrated on November 9, 2021, at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Covington, Louisiana, with the pastor, Rev. Rodney Bourg, as the celebrant.

Sister Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents and by her sisters, Katherine Jubin and Caroline Kerwin, and her brothers James, Francis and John Morgan. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

*By Sister MarieClare Powell, SSND*

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