

In Loving Memory

Sister Georgeann Krzyzanski

Sister Georgeann Krzyzanski, 86, died peacefully on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at Our Lady of the Angels, Greenfield, Wisconsin. She patiently awaited full union with God.

On June 1, 1936, Larry and Rose Krzyzanski welcomed their daughter, Patricia Ann. Patricia Ann was baptized on June 14, 1936, at St. Hedwig Parish, Milwaukee. Two years later, her brother Larry was born.

Patricia Ann attended grade school at St. Hedwig's in Milwaukee. She received her first communion in the fourth grade, and it was there that she realized she wanted to be a sister. During the summers, she helped SSND with the sacristy and worked in the priest's rectory with the housekeeper. She also worked in the school library during her later grade school years. After 8th grade, Patricia Ann entered the aspiranture at Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin.

Patricia Ann entered the candidature on August 8, 1954, immediately after high school. The following year, on June 28, 1955, Patricia Ann received the name, Mary Georgeann and began her year of novitiate, going by Sister Georgeann. On July 11, 1956, Sister Georgeann pronounced her first vows and her final vows on July 10, 1962.

Sister Georgeann earned a bachelor's degree in history and sociology from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. In 1974, she earned a master's degree in education curriculum from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Sister Georgeann's ministry experiences began as a junior high teacher at SS. Peter & Paul School in Milwaukee. In 1958, she was transferred to St. Stanislaus, Michigan City, Indiana, and in 1961, to St. Vincent de Paul, Milwaukee. In 1963, she continued teaching junior high school at St. Hedwig, Milwaukee, her home parish. In 1976, her ministry shifted to Mt. Mary College (now University), Milwaukee. She taught geography there for eight years, before becoming an apprentice to Sister Mary John Van Vonderen, overseeing the buildings and grounds. In 1987, she was appointed the director of buildings and grounds where she served for 24 years. She ended her time at Mount Mary University, Milwaukee, as the director of special services in 2018.

In 2018, she accepted an award on behalf of Mount Mary University's service of reporting daily weather to the National Weather Service for 50 years. Sister Georgeann was a constant force at the university for over 40 years.

Sister Georgeann took over the job of baking fruitcakes as a fundraiser from Sister Mary John Van Vonderen. Sister Georgeann's fruitcakes raised over \$50,000 in proceeds. She started the S. Georgeann Fruitcake Endowed Scholarship in 2008, from her annual sales. This scholarship is given to single mothers of returning students who are pursuing a degree in education.

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Birth
June 1, 1936

Baptism
June 14, 1936

Profession
July 11, 1956

Death
May 16, 2023

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

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Over the years, Sister Georgeann has accompanied songs at Mass on the organ or piano, changed hundreds of light bulbs, directed traffic, fried fish and for a time, was the only one with a liquor license so that she could serve drinks at college events. For most of the years at Mount Mary University, she lived with the students on the second floor of the residence hall.

In 2018, Sister Georgeann became a member of the Notre Dame of Elm Grove community, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, until moving to Our Lady of the Angels, Greenfield, Wisconsin, in 2019. At Our Lady of the Angels, she was involved in every activity that presented itself—from leading the rosary to “brainiac” discussions to playing piano for Mass.

Sister Georgeann’s service is her legacy. She embodied the paragraph which states, “Her union with God, her love and prayer for those to whom she was sent, and the witness of her life were fundamental to her ministry.” (SSND General Directory 40).

The funeral Mass was held, Thursday, May 25, 2023, 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, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Sister Georgeann is survived by her sister-in-law, Mary Krzyzanski; nieces and nephews; and SSND sisters and associates. She was preceded in death by her parents, Larry and Rose Krzyzanski, and her brother Larry Krzyzanski.

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