



Birth
August 14, 1947

Baptism
August 31, 1947

Profession
July 18, 1967

Death
January 31, 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

In Loving Memory

Sister Janet (Mary Ann Peter) Senderak

Sister Janet (Mary Ann Peter) Senderak, 75, died peacefully on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at Trinity Woods, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She patiently awaited full union with God.

In Michigan City, Indiana, on August 14, 1947, Peter and Doris Senderak welcomed their first child, Janet Marie. Janet was baptized August 31, 1947, by her uncle at St. Stanislaus Parish, Michigan City, Indiana. In 1954, Janet's sister, Mary Kay was born and in 1957, Kathy was the last addition to the family.

Janet attended kindergarten at the age of five in St. Stanislaus Parish School, Michigan City, Indiana, where she received her entire grade school education. Janet had close contact with the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) teachers and in 1961, she entered the aspiranture in Mequon, Wisconsin.

Janet entered the postulancy on August 22, 1965, at Mequon. The following year, on July 17, 1966, Janet received the name, Mary Ann Peter, and began her novitiate. July 18, 1967, Sister Mary Ann Peter pronounced her first vows and her final vows in July of 1972. She later returned to her baptismal name, Sister Janet.

Sister Janet earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mount Mary College (now University), Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1970 and a master's degree in educational administration in 1977, from Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Sister Janet's ministry experiences began as a primary teacher at St. Adalbert School in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1975, she was appointed principal and teacher at SS. Peter and Paul School, Huntington, Indiana. In 1983, she became associate superintendent of schools with an office in South Bend, Indiana. In 1987, she began her ministry as treasurer for the (former) SSND Milwaukee Province. In 1987, she was treasurer of both the (former) Milwaukee and Mankato Provinces, (now the Central Pacific Province). With her experience in working with religious congregations, she served on the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Finance Board from 2008-2016. For one year, Janet was on the Community Leadership Team at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, and after that she was in community service at Notre Dame of Elm Grove.

Sister Janet also served on and chaired various interprovincial committees and meetings and served on two international committees with meetings in Rome. Sister Janet also had the opportunity to work with the sisters on the island of Guam.

Sister Janet did everything with her kind heart and patience. She was faithful in living her favorite scripture quotation from Micah: "This is what Yahweh asks of you, only this, to act justly, to love tenderly, to walk humbly with your God."

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In Loving Memory

The funeral mass was held, Monday, February 6, at the Mother Caroline Chapel at Trinity Woods, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with Father Joseph Haas as president. A prayer of remembrance preceded the funeral. Burial followed in the Elm Grove cemetery, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Janet is survived by her sisters, Mary Kay and Kathy Senderak. She was preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Doris Senderak.



*Sister Janet (Mary Ann
Peter) Senderak*



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