



In Loving Memory

Sister Julie Brady

Sister Julie Brady, 73, died peacefully at 11:30 a.m. on August 25, 2022, at Texas Vista Medical Center in San Antonio, surrounded by SSND, family members and others.

Julie Anne, the second of three daughters, was born to Evelyn (Shepard) and Bernard Brady on October 9, 1948, in Tampa, Florida. She was baptized on November 14, 1948, at Christ the King Church in Tampa. Her father was a career officer in the Air Force and the family moved frequently. During her childhood, Julie, with her mother and two sisters, traveled widely throughout the United States and Canada. This experience gave her a broad understanding of different races and nationalities. Although traveling extensively, her parents always saw that she and her sisters attended Catholic elementary and high schools.

During her college years at the University of Dallas, Irving, Texas, Julie decided she wanted to go into a profession that made a difference in people's lives by helping them to learn and accept themselves. She realized that desire as a calling to become a teacher. Julie registered late for her junior year at the University and as a result could only get into the theology class that was for sisters and seminarians. As one of four lay students in the class, she often did projects with the sisters and got to know them on a personal level. She initially resisted the idea of becoming a sister, but by her senior year, she made up her mind to give it a try and talked to the vocation director of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She was encouraged to complete her college education before entering.

Julie entered as a postulant at the motherhouse in Irving, Texas, on August 26, 1970. She was received into the novitiate on January 16, 1971. She professed first vows on July 1, 1972, and final vows on May 5, 1981.

Sister Julie was awarded a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Dallas, Irving, Texas, in 1970 and a master's degree in English from the University of Dallas in 1979. From 1972-1982, she taught English and Religion at Redemptorist High School, New Orleans; T. K. Gorman High School, Tyler, Texas, and Redemptorist High School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. During the next five years, she was the vocation director for the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the former Dallas Province. She then taught for two years at Resurrection High School, Pascagoula, Mississippi.

During an interprovincial Tertian Program, Sister Julie was inspired by the commitment of Mother Caroline Friess, SSND, who left Germany to teach German children in the United States of America. Sister Julie also felt called to teach in another culture. She requested to go to teach at the recently opened high school in Sunyani, Ghana, West Africa. She taught English and Bible Literature at the Notre Dame Secondary School there for seven years, was postulant directress for two years and then returned for another year at the secondary school.

Birth
October 9, 1948

Baptism
November 14, 1948

Profession
July 1, 1972

Death
August 25, 2022

Burial
Chatawa 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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In 2000, she returned to the United States and provided community service at St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi. She then was missioned to teach at St. Gerard Regional High School in San Antonio. In 2018, she began teaching at Healy Murphy High School in San Antonio.

In July 2022, Sister Julie celebrated 50 years of religious profession as a School Sister of Notre Dame. In August 2022, after a short hospitalization, she was placed on hospice, passing away on August 25, 2022.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 2, 2022, at The Angelus Funeral Home in San Antonio. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the following morning at St. Gerard's Catholic Church in San Antonio. Family members, SSND, colleagues, friends and former students attended the funeral services. Many memories were recalled of her joyous and loving care for others. Burial was in the SSND Cemetery at Chatawa, Mississippi on Sept. 8, 2022.

Sister Julie is survived by her sisters: Jackie (Gilbert) Sartore of Evansville, Indiana, and Kelly (James) Stanton of Midlothian, Virginia; nieces, nephew and other family members. She was preceded in death by her parents, Evelyn (Shepard) and Bernard Brady.

Sister Julie's childhood experiences prepared her for ministering to people of various cultures and beliefs. She had a love for the poor and a desire to share spiritual values with them. She journeyed with women in a discernment process and taught students and their families that God loved them. May she now rest in the presence of her loving God, whom she served so faithfully with her daily witness of love for each person she met.

By Sister Carol Marie Wildt, SSND

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