

In Loving Memory



Sister Lenore Feider

Sister Lenore Feider was born at home in Milwaukee on April 2, 1928, to Edward and Theresa Feider. She had two sisters, Marilyn and Charlotte. She wrote of her parents, “They were old-fashioned, loving parents. They belonged to that special class of people who can do anything, and our home was always well cared for and inviting.”

She remembered fondly her childhood with her siblings, “We did many things together. I am blessed that they are still a part of my life. When we are together people immediately know we are sisters.”

She attended St. Leo’s in Milwaukee for elementary school, where she was taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. After graduation from high school in 1945, she became stenographer working for an insurance company and for the City of Milwaukee. She writes of this time in her life, “I enjoyed my work as a stenographer and met many gifted people.”

She came in contact with SSNDs again through teaching religious education in 1952. She recalled, “How I started teaching is a mystery to me and I know my classes were often boring. Sister Cecil Rickert was especially kind and it is through her example that I began to think of the religious life as a vocation.”

Sister Lenore entered candidature at age 25. As part of the process she went back to school. She wrote, “It was somewhat of a shock to discover that I would go to college to be a teacher. Going to college after an eight year absence of formal schooling was a challenge. Being the oldest in my class had some disadvantages. After one mishap I was informed that surely as a ‘mature’ candidate I should know better.”

She professed first vows in 1955 and served as a teacher from 1956-1985, beginning in Gary, Indiana, then across the Wisconsin communities of Burlington, Milwaukee, Prairie du Chien and Madison. She earned a bachelor’s in sociology from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, and a master’s in administration from Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa.

She was called to be the local leader for two years at Visitation Convent in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. From 1991-1997, Sister Lenore was the administrative secretary for the provincial leader of the former Milwaukee Province. Following some part-time parish service positions in West Allis, Wisconsin, she served with Rising Stars Volunteer Tutors in the Milwaukee area. She fully retired to Notre Dame of Elm Grove in 2004.

Birth
April 2, 1928

Baptism
April 8, 1928

Profession
July 12, 1955

Death
July 12, 2017

Burial
Notre Dame of Elm Grove
Cemetery
Elm Grove, Wisconsin

*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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She shared in her Jubilee reflection in 2015 that she was grateful for, “blessing of community, of living with women sharing a common goal and love among ourselves in prayer, work and fun —and among the wider community, whether in school or parish.”

Sister Lenore died July 12, 2017 at age 89. She is survived by her sister, Charlotte Molter, nieces and nephews, other relatives, dear friends and the SSND community. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Marilyn Corona.

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