

In Loving Memory

Sister Linda Zweifel

Sister Linda Zweifel passed away around 3:30 a.m. on November 16, 2022, at Heritage Manor, Franklinton, Louisiana.

The oldest, of six children, was born to Joyce (Larmeu) and Martin Zweifel, on January 13, 1951, in New Orleans, Louisiana. She was baptized at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, New Orleans, on January 28, 1951, and named Linda Marie. She had three sisters and two brothers. The children often played with cousins and neighbors. Linda was frequently the leader in a game, as well as a “tomboy.” She was very creative as a child and would make her own toys.

Linda spent her school years in New Orleans. When Linda was three years old, she began her education at Toledano Baptist Preschool. After two years, she went to Live Oak Kindergarten. She attended Our Lady of Good Counsel Grade School for her first, third, fifth to eighth grades where she met the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Her second grade was at St. Francis Xavier and fourth grade at St. Henry. As a seventh and eighth grader, the principal, Sister Blanche Koch, SSND would let her help out in the kindergarten. Linda loved being with the little ones and felt called to be a teacher and a Sister. She enrolled at Sacred Heart of Jesus High School and under the guidance of Sister Marie Thomas Brogan, SSND, she excelled in the business department.

Linda entered as a postulant on August 28, 1969, at the former Dallas Province motherhouse in Irving, Texas. She was received as a novice on June 11, 1971. She was professed on June 16, 1973, and pronounced final vows on March 5, 1983.

Following profession, Sister Linda was a teacher aide and secretary at St. Gregory School, Tyler, Texas. She was a pastoral minister at San Jose Parish, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Corpus Christi Mission, Ferris, Texas; and St. James Parish, Coolidge, Arizona. During this time, she was a student at North Lake College, Irving, Texas and at the University of Albuquerque. She received a bachelor’s degree in Theology from Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico, in 1986.

Sister Linda then spent a year as a member of the secretarial staff at the Notre Dame of Dallas Motherhouse in Irving, Texas. In 1987, she returned to pastoral ministry and served at St. Anthony Parish, Casa Grande, Arizona and St. Paul Parish, Brandon, Mississippi. After a sabbatical and two years of community service, Sister Linda was employed as a clerical staff member for FFE Trucking, Dallas, Texas; secretary to the Academic Dean at Nolan Catholic High School, Fort Worth, Texas and a salesperson at Target in Dallas, Texas.

In 2007, she began her ministry at St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Mississippi providing community service and serving as a librarian. In 2020, she moved with the other Sisters from Chatawa to St. Anthony’s Gardens, Covington, Louisiana.



Birth
January 13, 1951

Baptism
January 28, 1951

Profession
June 16, 1973

Death
November 16, 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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As her health deteriorated, she was placed on hospice in mid-November 2022. She passed away around 3:30 a.m. on November 16, 2022, at Heritage Manor, Franklinton, Louisiana. Sister Linda chose to be cremated.

Sister Linda had a deep love for her family and even at a distance, kept in contact with them. She was kind and gentle and always helpful, especially if it involved finding a book by a certain author when she was a librarian.

Following a sharing of memories, a memorial Mass was celebrated at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Covington, Louisiana, on December 6, 2022. Family members, SSNDs and friends attended the funeral services. Burial of the cremains was in the SSND cemetery at Chatawa, Mississippi.

Sister Linda is survived by her sisters: Charlene Ann Jackman of Picayune, Mississippi; Elizabeth Zweifel of Metairie, Louisiana; Peggy Sue Kennedy of St. Gabriel, Louisiana, and her brothers: Charles Zweifel of Ponchatoula, Louisiana and Salvador Lamonte of Meridian, Mississippi. She was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Joyce Zweifel.

May she now rest in peace and rejoice with her God as she enters into eternal life.

By Sister Carol Marie Wildt, SSND

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