



In Loving Memory

Sister Mary Lucita (Marcella Catherine) Allen, SSND

Birth
December 1, 1927

Baptism
Dec. 4, 1927

Profession
Jul. 18, 1952

Death
Jan. 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

*B*orn Marcella Catherine, December 1, 1927 in Bellevue, Wisconsin, to Albert and Catherine (Boehm) Allen she was the third of six children. She was baptized on December 4, at Holy Martyrs of Gorcien Church.

Marcella went to public school in Bellevue the first five years of her life. Her family farmed and she grew up in a rural community. When she was in the 6th grade, her dad enrolled Marcella and her siblings in St. Willebrord School in Green Bay. That was quite a sacrifice for the family. They lived nine miles from town so her dad drove them to and from school every day. She wrote, "I became so fond of the sisters that I wanted to be one of them," by the time she graduated from 8th grade.

In September, 1941 she entered the Juniorate at Longwood. Homesickness was a challenge, but she held on. When she returned home, she learned how hard her mother had taken her going away and that her brother would soon be drafted into the armed services. She chose to finish high school at St. Joseph Academy in Green Bay. After graduating in 1945 she took a commercial course at Green Bay Vocational School and then worked in the Preble Water Department for the next four years.

In 1949 she was able to enter the Candidature and was missioned to St. Helen's in Chicago, which must have been difficult after growing up on a farm. But no matter the setting, her creativity flourished in and out of the classroom. She professed first vows in July of 1952. She received a bachelor's from Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, in 1964.

Sister Lucita taught first and second grade at several schools during her ministry. She taught at S. Maria Incononata in Chicago, Illinois. She also served several schools in Wisconsin: St. Peter in Tilden; St. Francis Xavier in Green Bay; St. Nicholas in Freedom, St. Patrick in Menasha; and St. Stanislaus in Berlin.

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In 1979 she began a new career in occupational therapy. Lucita served in Elm Grove for six years in occupational therapy and continued her ministry in Mt. Calvary at Mount Carmel where she gradually retired.

Sister Lucita loved doing puzzles-both at Calvary and Campbellsport after her retirement. She was also well known for her love of the Green Bay Packers – very understandable considering her place of origin and early ministry. Her Packer boy doll at Mount Calvary stood in front of the Blessed Virgin statue in the hallway. On game day, if they won, he happily faced everyone. If they lost, he turned to the statue, hiding his face in his arms.

She is survived by Elizabeth (Allen) Malcore, nieces, nephews, extended family members, dear friends and the SSND Community. She was preceded in death her parents, her brothers Charles and Francis and her sisters Rita Czarneski and Lucille Pierquet.

This remembrance is compiled from SSND archival information and the eulogy written by Sister Joan Emily Kaul, SSND

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