



**In death,  
we say our ultimate yes  
to our Creator.  
Trusting in God's power  
to bring us to fulfillment of life,  
we see death as an act of worship:  
in dying, we proclaim God, God;  
and ourselves, creatures.**

**Although in grief,  
the community gratefully affirms this,  
our final earthly proclamation  
of the good news...  
In hope and peace,  
we enter into the joy of the Lord!**

*You Are Sent #47*



**Sister Kathleen (formerly  
John Margaret) Puetz**

**Born  
May 31, 1931**

**Professed  
August 1, 1952**

**Ministry  
teacher, guidance counselor, tutor  
Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, Texas**

**Died  
March 11, 2007**



**School Sisters of Notre Dame  
of St. Louis**

On May 31, 1931, the youngest of eight children was born to Margaret (Lamb) and Edward Puetz in St. Louis. She was baptized on November 4, 1931, at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Alton, Illinois, and received the name Kathleen.

Kathleen began her elementary education at Saints Peter and Paul School in Alton. Two years later, the family moved to St. Louis. Once in St. Louis, she started attending St. Philip Neri School and then transferred to Blessed Sacrament where she later graduated. Following graduation, she began high school work at Rosati-Kain, continued at St. Mark's and completed her studies at Rosati-Kain, graduating in 1949. Kathleen had the desire to become a sister at an early age, but did not think seriously about her vocation until the latter part of her junior year at Rosati-Kain. She was attracted to the School Sisters of Notre Dame because of her interest in the missions. On August 31, 1949, she entered the candidature. She was received into the novitiate on July 30, 1951, and given the name John Margaret. Profession of first vows was on August 1, 1952, and final vows on August 1, 1958.



She taught grades elementary through junior high school for 24 years at Sacred Heart of Jesus and Redemptorist High School in New Orleans, Louisiana; St. Philip, East St. Louis, Illinois; St. Hedwig and Notre Dame High School in St. Louis, Missouri; St. Gerard Majella, San Antonio, Texas; Immaculate Conception, Marrero, Louisiana; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Houston, Texas; and Sacred Heart, Morrilton, Arkansas. Sister Kathleen served as a guidance counselor for eight years at Rosary High School and eight years

at Cor Jesu Academy in St. Louis. From 1982 to 1983, she was principal at St. Bernadette in St. Louis. From 1994 to 1995, she was a driver at the motherhouse. Since 1995, she had been ministering as a tutor at the Notre Dame Tutorial Center.

She died peacefully on Sunday, March 11, 2007, at 11:03 p.m. at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis with Sister Mary Pat Dalton, SSND, praying at her bedside. Family members and sisters had been there visiting throughout the day.

Sister Kathleen was a happy, caring person with an infectious laugh. She had a great "Irish" sense of humor she inherited from her mother's side of the family. She liked to share anecdotes about her students and her family. She was a highly intelligent individual who freely spoke her mind. With a great passion for teaching, Sister Kathleen challenged her students to do their best and instilled in them the importance of not only learning academics, but also learning to have a love for God and for themselves. She possessed a great loyalty to the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The love of her sisters in community was evident in everything she did. She always expressed concern about her "sisters" in regards to their physical and emotional health. She hailed from a large family and had a great love for them. Her many nieces and nephews looked up to her as not only as their aunt, but as a counselor, leader, guide and mentor. She had a penchant for traveling and had recently enjoyed a trip to Alaska with her family. Her interest included art, reading and playing cards.

As Jesus and the Eucharist were the focal point of her life, may Sister Kathleen now enjoy the rewards of eternal life with her risen Savior!