

SISTER ANN LINDA BELL, CDP

Sister Ann Linda Bell, (formerly Sister M. Angéle), CDP, entered eternal life on February 22, 2017 at the age of 99. She was one of seven children born to Paul and Carmelite Richard Bell. Sister Ann Linda was born March 11, 1917 in Broussard, Louisiana. She answered God's call to become a Sister of Divine Providence on June 3, 1933 and professed first vows on June 22, 1935. She began her ministerial life as an elementary school teacher in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Sister Ann Linda earned a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and a Master's in Education from Our Lady of the Lake College (University), San Antonio, Texas. She taught at the elementary level as well as Math and French at middle school and high school levels for 35 years in nine schools throughout Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Within those years, she was Principal of Teurlings High School in Lafayette, Louisiana. As a woman always seeking to knowledge and staying abreast of the signs of the time, she spent six of her summers in Quebec City, Canada at La Val University where she earned her Master's in French.

Subsequently, she spent twenty years teaching French at Our Lady of the Lake University and translating manuscripts for the Congregation and others. She translated several key documents about the French explorer, Robert Cavalier de La Salle. Her formal teaching ministry ended in 1993 but she continued to inspire those around her until her last day. She treasured her CDP siblings and CDP Sisters and McCullough Hall Nursing Center staff; she was looking forward to celebrating her centennial birthday with them, but it was not meant to be. Her celebration will be far more glorious!

She is survived by siblings Sisters Mary Jane Bell, CDP and Romaine Bell, CDP and all her other Sisters of Divine Providence. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents Paul and Carmelite and siblings: Louis Leopold Bell, Noelle Bell-Boudreaux, Lily Mae Granger, and Cecile Florence Bell.

The Rosary is Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. and the Wake is at 6:30 p.m. A Memorial Mass will be Monday, February 27, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. All services will be in Annunciation Chapel at Our Lady of the Lake Convent Center.

In lieu of flowers, you may wish to make a memorial contribution to the Sisters of Divine Providence, 515 S.W. 24th Street, San Antonio, TX 78207-4619.