

SISTER MARY JANE BELL, CDP
1921 -2017

Sister Mary Jane Bell (formerly Sister Mary Basilissa) entered eternal life on May 6, 2017 at the age of 95. One of seven children of Paul and Carmelite Richard Bell, Sister Mary Jane was born July 28, 1921 in Broussard, Louisiana. In June, 1938 she joined the Sister of Divine Providence and professed first vows on June 22, 1941.

Sister Mary Jane earned a Bachelor's Degree in Math from Our Lady of the Lake College (University) and an MA in Biology from The University of Notre Dame. Missioned in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, she spent seventy-one years serving as teacher and principal and in data services, including thirty years at Providence Catholic School in San Antonio.

In reflecting on her life, she wrote: "Providence has guided me every step of the way, given me a passion for teaching and love for the children. How else could those hundreds of students who thought they hated math and science have learned to like it and do well except with Gold's help?"

She is survived by one sibling, Sister Romaine Bell, all Sisters of Divine Providence, and by numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents Paul and Carmelite and siblings: Sister Ann Linda Bell, Cecile Florence Bell, Louis Leopold Bell, Noelle Bell-Boudreaux, and Lily Mae Granger.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Services at Annunciation Chapel at Our Lady of the Lake Convent: Tuesday, May 9, 3:30 pm Rosary, and 6:30 pm Wake Service; Wednesday, May 10, Memorial Mass at 10:30 am.

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.