

**SISTER MARY ROMAINE BELL, CDP  
1918 -2017**

Sister Mary Romaine Bell entered eternal life on May 27, 2017 at the age of 99 and joined her siblings Sisters Ann Linda and Mary Jane who passed February 22 and May 6 of this year. The third of seven children of Paul and Carmelite Richard Bell, Sister Romaine was born April 17, 1918 in Broussard, Louisiana and was given the name Viola Marie. In June, 1934 she joined the Sisters of Divine Providence and professed first vows on June 22, 1936.

Sister Romaine earned a Bachelor of Arts in French from Our Lady of the Lake College (University). Missioned in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, she spent sixty-seven years serving as an elementary school teacher, including thirty-one years at Our Lady of Prompt Succor School in Alexandria, Louisiana. Sister Romaine's love for children was evident through her philosophy of teaching. She treated "each child as an individual, unique gift from God."

After retirement she was known for her annual October arts and crafts preview sale at St. Louis School in Castroville, Texas. If anything was not sold then, she would sell them at the Moyer Retreat Center Heritage Day held across the street from the school. Last year she decided it would be her last. And so it was.

She is survived by all of her 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, Sister Mary Jane 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: Wednesday, May 31, 4:00 pm Rosary, and 6:30 pm Wake Service; Thursday, June 1, 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. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, San Antonio, TX 78207-4619.