

**SISTER MARCELLA MARIE FRAZIER, CDP**  
**1924 - 2018**



Sister Marcella Marie Frazier, CDP, entered eternal life on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at the age of 94. Her baptismal name was Gertrude. She was the third of five children born to William B. and Louise (Bettge) Frazier. Sister Marcella Marie was born on June 24, 1924 in Goliad, Texas. She answered God's call to become a Sister of Divine Providence on June 21, 1942 and professed first vows on June 22, 1943.

Sister Marcella Marie cherished a vital life lesson taught by her parents while living on the family's farm: treat every single person with the same respect and dignity because God made us all. This lesson was embodied in Sister Marcella Marie's nature and outlook. She always had something positive to say about any and all situations and people she encountered. She loved to read and knew early on that teaching was her vocation. When she met the Sisters of Divine Providence (CDP) in catechism class she knew she wanted to teach as a CDP.

She earned a Bachelor and Masters of Science in Library Science from Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio, Texas. Over a span of 49 years, she served in the Catholic school education system in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas, as a teacher, principal and librarian.

Prior to retirement, she was a missionary in David, Kentucky and served the Appalachian mountain people for seven years. Although resistant at first, the people came to trust and appreciate her and Sister Ida Marie Deville's work. Sister Marcella Marie credits this trust to their setting an example of respect rather than preaching. They taught the women to become self-sufficient, gave them work and encouraged them to obtain their GED. Her next eight years were spent with the Providence Mission in Isle Brevelle, Louisiana. Sister Marcella Marie truly lived out her founder, Blessed John Martin Moyer's, call to serve the poor. May her example of respect for all regardless of race or profession serve as a model for all.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Louise Bettge Frazier, siblings, Justin Frazier, Eudora Beavers, brother-in-law, Jesse G. Beavers, and sister-in-law, Barbara Frazier. She is survived by her siblings, Emberta Mazurek (William Mazurek), Frank Frazier, many nieces and nephews, and her Sisters of Divine Providence.

The Rosary is Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. and the Wake is at 6:30 p.m. A Mass of Resurrection will be Monday, September 17 at 11:00 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. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, San Antonio, TX 78207-4619