



**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 Carmeline Howard

Born
July 28, 1919

Professed
August 2, 1940

Ministry
**elementary educator, tutor,
special education teacher;
Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, Texas**

Died
February 28, 2008



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

On July 28, 1919, the fifth of seven children was born to Clara (Stolze) and Adolphus Howard in Alton, IL. She was baptized on August 17, 1919, at St. Mary Church in Alton and named Mary Lillian. The four boys and three girls helped with the farm chores and also attended St. Mary Grade School staffed by the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

After eighth grade, Lillian enrolled in the aspiranture at Ripa. Her older sister, Dorothy (our future S. Mary Adolphus), had entered the aspiranture two years earlier. Following graduation from Notre Dame High School, Lillian entered the candidature on September 1, 1937. She was received into the novitiate on August 1, 1939, and given the name Mary Carmeline. Profession of first vows was August 2, 1940, and final vows August 2, 1946.

For 60 years, S. Carmeline ministered in elementary education. She was a primary teacher for 38 years at St. Andrew, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Immaculate Heart of Mary in St. Louis, MO; St. Charles Borromeo and St. Peter in St. Charles, MO; Immaculate Conception in West Alton, MO; St. Francis Borgia in Washington, MO; St. Clare in St. Clair, MO; Immaculate Conception in Dardenne, MO; St. Agatha in New Athens, IL; St. Philip in East St. Louis, IL; St. Gregory in Tyler, TX; and Sacred Heart, Morrilton, AR.

In 1978, she began another aspect of education through her ministry at St. Mary Special School in St. Louis. For 13 years, she assisted in the classroom and dormitory with the

special needs students. A third phase as an educator was realized when she became a tutor at Notre Dame Tutorial Center for nine years.



In April 2002, S. Carmeline retired to Veronica House. The need for additional care resulted in her transfer to Anna House in January 2007. She was taken to the emergency room at DePaul Health Center on February 28, 2008, for complications from pneumonia. S. Betty Myers was with her when she passed away very unexpectedly in the ER around 3:50 p.m.

A wake/vigil service was held at Anna House and the motherhouse on March 3, 2008. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the following morning. Due to a major snow storm, those attending the funeral could not go to the motherhouse cemetery for burial. Her brother, Warren, and wife, Elaine, of Alton, IL; a niece and her husband; and sisters were present for the funeral service. A brother, John, of Yucalpa, CA, was unable to attend.

S. Carmeline was an excellent primary educator, often teaching multiple grades in the same room. Her gentleness and kindness were reflected in her smile, which bore witness to a warm, welcoming approach to the people she met. A pleasant and congenial member in community, she was faithful to sending birthday cards to them. May she now rejoice in the fullness of everlasting life and peace as she receives the reward promised by God to those who teach the little ones!

