

Sister M. Karen Schnoes
January 29, 1933 – September 1, 1999



Secular Name: Elizabeth Ruth
Entrance: September 8, 1950
Place of Birth: Pittsburgh PA
Parents: Sebastian and Henrietta
Siblings: Robert and Paul

Elementary School: St. Bernard, Pittsburgh PA
High School: St. Francis Academy
Higher Education: Duquesne University
Degrees: Bachelor and Masters Degree
In Education & History

Ministry: On-going education was extremely important to her. In addition to a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's Degree in History, Sister Karen attended many institutions of higher learning. Over the years she took courses at Aquinas, Carlow, Notre Dame as well as St. Vincent's.

Karen taught at the elementary and junior high school levels in Grand Rapids, Esplen and New Kensington. In the 1960's she began her career as a high school teacher. Her assignments included St. Casimir's in the South Side as well as St. Francis Academy. During her tenure at the Academy she served as Vice-Principal in addition to carrying a full teaching schedule.

In 1984 she became Assistant Treasurer of the congregation, in 1985 she became General Treasurer. In 1993 she assumed the position of Development Coordinator for the Mosites Corporation. While at Mosites she suffered debilitating brain aneurysms. Just when she was becoming comfortable with the lingering effects of the illness, she was diagnosed with cancer. After a valiant struggle, she died on Sept. 1, 1999.

“Oh God, who gives us such great dreams, and so short a life, grant peace and rest to Sister Karen.”