

*Sister Evelyn Bender*  
*August 20, 1915 - October 24, 2012*



*Secular name:* Eleanor

*Birth Place:* Washington, DC

*Parents:* Eva and Anthony Zukauskas

*Siblings:* Clare and Aldona

*Elementary School:* St. George, Philadelphia

*High School:* Hallahan High, Philadelphia

St. Francis Academy, Pittsburgh

*Higher Education:* Marygrove College, Detroit;

Aquinas College, Grand Rapids B.E. Education;

Duquesne, M.E.

*Ministry:*

Sister Evelyn taught at St. George in Detroit, SS Peter and Paul in Grand Rapids, MI, Mt. St. Peter in New Kensington, PA, and St. Gabriel, St. Casimir, Canevin High and South Side Catholic High all in Pittsburgh. For twenty-one years, she simultaneously served as principal in two of those schools – St. Gabriel and St. George.



Sister Evelyn is remembered by former students, colleagues and sisters who lived with her as a gentle, caring woman. She was very supportive of the “younger” sisters who wholeheartedly embraced the renewal that followed Vatican II. These sisters in return loved her interest in their thoughts and in the excitement of this era in the church.

Sister’s caregivers found her to be welcoming, gracious, and always so grateful for any services she received.



Sister Evelyn said that she “thanked God for the blessings of being here and finishing my life where I first began my vocation. Through the years, my community did so much and gave me so much to grow spiritually. For all the wonderful retreats, workshops, lectures and ACRs, I’m truly grateful. What my life in the years to come will be, I place in the Providence of God. My life is in God’s hands, but for now, I try to live in God’s love.”

*“The love I have for you, O Lord, is only a shadow of your love for me; your deep abiding love”*