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**Sister Patricia (Mary Ellen Ann) Gavin, SSND
Teacher and Principal**

Elm Grove, Wis. – Sister Patricia Gavin died Monday, September 12, 2011, at Notre Dame of Elm Grove in Elm Grove, Wis. She was 66 and an elementary school teacher and principal.

Sister Patricia was born in Gary, Ind. She entered the congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1962 from SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Gary, Ind. She professed first vows in 1964. She earned a bachelor's in English in 1968 from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee and a master's in elementary education and language arts in 1977 from Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Mich.



Sister Patricia served in education for 44 years. She began her teaching career at St. Mary, Alexandria, Ind., 1966-71. She also taught at Sacred Heart, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1971-73; St. Adalbert, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1973-80; St. Vincent de Paul, Shepherd, Mich., 1980-82. She served as principal and teacher at Sacred Heart, Warsaw, Ind., 1982-90; as principal at Sacred Heart, Warsaw, Ind., 1990-92; and at St. Monica, Mishawaka, Ind., 1992-2010.

Sister Patricia is survived by her mother Santa Gavin, her sisters; Margaret (James) Jensen, Kathleen (John) Baraka, Virginia Gavin, Mary Ellen (Al) Young, Ruth (Vince) Lugo, her brothers, Martin (Kiki) Gavin, Robert (Yolanda) Gavin, nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and the SSND Community. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Bernard Gavin and her brother James Gavin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame or to St. Monica Parish, Sister Pat's Scholarship Fund in Mishawaka, Indiana.

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