



Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

St. Paul Province

Eileen Breault, CSJ
April 29, 1924 ~ October 07, 2018

An avid reader, world traveler, and master needle pointer, are just a few attributes those who knew her best use to describe Sister Eileen Breault, CSJ. Born on April 29, 1924, in St. Paul, MN, she died peacefully on October 7, 2018 at Carondelet Village in St. Paul. Eileen entered the CSJ community in the fall of 1943, where she became known as Sister Paul Joseph. In 1955 she earned a BA in Biology and History from the College of St. Catherine.

Across thirty-six years as a teacher, Eileen served at several parish schools including St. Michael in Stillwater, St. Vincent, Nativity of Our Lord, and Holy Spirit in St. Paul, Nativity of Our Lady and St. Peter in Minneapolis, St. Thomas Aquinas in St. Paul Park, and St. Anne in LeSueur. Before Eileen retired from teaching in 2007, she worked for 15 years in the office of Sister's Care and was the sole driver for residents of Bethany Convent for some years.

Ever the adventurous traveler, Eileen had the opportunity to visit 48 states, 3 Canadian provinces, Spain, Greece, England and Italy, and while these adventures all brought her great joy, she was often quoted as saying her greatest happiness came from offering her gifts crafting needle point. In retirement she would spend hours doing fancy work, knitting, and embroidery, which could often be seen for sale in both the Bethany and Carondelet Village gift shops.

In 1971 Eileen and Sister Mary Charles Kokesch went on a six week tour of Europe. Elderhostel locations were selected because this allowed them to extend their trips to include visiting relatives' homes. As a youth, Eileen would spend her summers traveling extensively throughout the US with her parents, and then later in life with dear friend, Sister Mary Charlene O'Keeffe.

Eileen was known by many as an enthusiastic and passionate reader, of which she kept a careful record. She was a great lover of Victorian mystery novels, and had too many favorite authors to name. Eileen also loved crossword and jigsaw puzzles, word games, and was a formidable card player.

Sister Eileen is preceded in death by her parents Alcide and Pauline (Poehmann) Breault. She is survived by many cousins; friends; and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Consociates. Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 11:00 AM, in Our Lady of the Presentation Chapel, 1884 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul, MN with Visitation at 10:00 AM preceding Mass. Burial at Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights, MN.

Sister Eileen, rest in love and peace.