

Sister Eleanore Hillenbrand, OSB

Educator

Benedictine Sister Eleanore (Rita) Hillenbrand, 95, died Oct. 29 at St. Joseph Court-St. Scholastica Monastery.

Sister Eleanore a native of Chicago, attended St. Hilary Parish School, later enrolled at St. Scholastica High School and was accepted into the community as an aspirant in 1942. She professed her final vows in 1947. She later earned a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and a master's in English from DePaul University. She taught at the elementary and high school levels. Sister Eleanore served as the St. Scholastica's English Department Chairperson, Benedictine Sisters Directress of Studies, Executive Secretary to the Prioress, and other responsible community positions. Her masterful command of words, sharp eye for detail, natural talent for photography, and appreciation for literature are all part of her legacy. She served predominately in Illinois, but also in Colorado.

In the Archdiocese of Chicago, Sister Eleanore taught in parish schools at St. Hilary, St. Symphorosa, St. Lambert (Skokie) and St. Scholastica High School (1957-1992).

In the diocese of Pueblo, Sister Eleanore taught at St. Michael, Cañon City, CO.