

Obituary of Ann Dolores Ybarrola SP

Sister Ann Dolores Ybarrola, S.P., (Catherine) age 96, a Sister of Providence for 78 years, died July 1, 2015, at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle, Wash., where the vigil and funeral were held with burial in Calvary Cemetery in Seattle. Bonney-Watson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Catherine was born March 8, 1919, to Martin Ybarrola and Mary Kewe. The second oldest of six children, she grew up in Havre, Mont. Following the death of her mother in 1928, the family moved to Great Falls, Mont., where she attended school St. Thomas Home and graduated in 1936.

On July 19, 1937, Catherine entered the Sisters of Providence novitiate in Seattle, Wash., and there professed first vows on January 19, 1937, when she received the name Sister Ann Dolores, and final vows on July 19, 1941.

In 1951 Sister Ann Dolores received a Bachelor of Arts-English degree from the College (now University) of Great Falls, Mont., and in 1961 a Masters of Arts-Education degree from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash. She received a State of Montana secondary principal teaching certificate in 1966. From 1957-92 she held several Administration positions in Montana as Superior/Principal, Sacred Heart Academy; Office Manager, Central Catholic High School; Principal/Secretary, St. Thomas Home; and Director of Institutional Research and Veterans Counselor, College of Great Falls.

Her 50 years of ministry in teaching were in Montana: Sacred Heart Academy and St. Francis Xavier School, Missoula, and St. Thomas Home and Central Catholic High School, Great Falls; Idaho: Mary Immaculate School, DeSmet; in Washington: St. John School, Colfax; and Maryville Academy, in Des Plaines, IL.

In 1992 she retired in Great Falls, Mont., where she enjoyed reading, decorative painting, and the outdoors; then in February 2015 she moved to St. Joseph Residence in Seattle, Wash. Sister Ann Dolores is preceded in death by her parents, brothers John and Joseph, and sister Ann Saunders. She is survived by her brother, James, and sister, Rosemary Latino, both in Stockton, Cal. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Providence Retirement Fund, 1801 Lind Avenue SW, #9016, Renton, WA 98057-9016.