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**Sister Marilene Hudson, SSND,  
educator, hospital chaplain**

Sister Marilene Hudson, a longtime educator in Baltimore area schools who later served in pastoral ministry and became chaplain of Good Samaritan Hospital, died of complications of a stroke on Nov. 5 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore. She was 81 years old and had been a professed member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame for 59 years.

Mary Elizabeth Hudson was born in Baltimore. She attended St. Ann's and St. Thomas Aquinas schools and was graduated from the Institute of Notre Dame in 1949. Later that summer she entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Baltimore. She was given the religious name Marilene and made her first vows in August 1952.

Sister Marilene's first teaching assignment was the Madonna School in Fort Lee, N.J., where she taught from 1952 to 1959. She also taught at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Tampa, Fla. (1959-61), Baltimore. In Maryland, she taught primary and intermediate grades at Blessed Sacrament School (1961-65); St. Mary in Annapolis (1965-68); St. Mark in Catonsville (1968-69); Our Lady of Fatima in Baltimore (1969-70); and St. Ambrose in Baltimore (1971-72).



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Sister Marilene is a 1965 graduate of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, where she earned a degree in elementary education. In 1972 she earned a master's in secondary education from Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J. After earning her master's degree, she went on to teach at her alma mater, the Institute of Notre Dame (1972-1976), and Archbishop Keough High School (1976-77), both in Baltimore.

In 1977, after more than 20 years in the classroom, Sister Marilene's service took a turn away from teaching into pastoral ministry. After a year at Children's Hospital in Baltimore, she moved to St. Dominic's parish in Baltimore, where she served as a pastoral associate and health care minister to the elderly. In 1988 she became director of religious education at St. Dominic's.

In 1991, Sister Marilene's pastoral ministry took her to Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore, where she was named chaplain in 1992. She held that position until 2001 when she became pastoral minister to the sisters at Maria Health Care Center, the nursing facility at Villa Assumpta, home to retired SSNDs in Baltimore County. Her volunteer ministry continued at MHCC and Villa Assumpta until her death.

At her wake service, Sister Marilene was remembered as a "born teacher" who loved being in the classroom. She had an empathy for poorer students and was known to volunteer to teach the lowest-level English classes in high school.

Sister Marilene is survived by her a sister in law, Georgia Hudson of Baltimore, and two nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Atlantic-Midwest Province, Mission Advancement Office, 345 Belden Hill Road, Wilton, CT., 06897. (800) 993-7763.

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