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**Sister Vitoline Wolf, SSND,
longtime educator, dies at 97**

WILTON, Conn. – Sister Mary Vitoline Wolf, a lifelong teacher who served more than 40 years at The Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest, N.J., died of heart disease on Jan. 20 at Lourdes Health Care Center in Wilton, Conn. She was 97 years old and had been a professed member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame for 74 years.

Marie Elizabeth Wolf was born on May 15, 1914, in Ridgewood, N.Y., the fourth of six children born to Peter and Anna Wolf. She attended St. Matthias parish school, graduated at age 15 from Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School and attended Drake's Business School, all in Brooklyn. She worked as a secretary in a title search office for more than three years, while volunteering her sewing skills to the Christ Child Society, before persuading her parents to agree to her entering the convent.



In August 1934, Marie entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Baltimore. She was given the religious name Mary Vitoline and made her first vows in August 1937.

Sister Vitoline's first teaching assignment was at St. Peter and Paul School in Rochester, N.Y. (1937-43). In 1943, she returned to Baltimore to serve as sacristan at the motherhouse, and in 1948 she began teaching at the Institute of Notre Dame in Baltimore (1948-55).

After earning a bachelor's degree in 1955 at what is today Notre Dame of Maryland University, Sister Vitoline joined the faculty of Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest, N.J., where she taught religion, math and science for 37 years. Even after retiring from teaching in 1992, she continued in community service to the college preparatory school for girls until 1997, when she moved to Villa Notre Dame, home to retired sisters in Wilton.

Sister Vitoline is survived by a niece, Marianne Clark of Hyde Park, N.Y.

Memorial contributions may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Atlantic-Midwest Province, c/o Mission Advancement Office, 345 Belden Hill Road, Wilton, CT 06897.

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