Sister Roberta Sobus, D.C, dies

A funeral Mass for Sister Roberta Sobus, Daughter of Charity, was offered July 2 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg. Sister Roberta died June 27 at Villa St. Michael in Emmitsburg, where she spent the last 11 years in prayer ministry. She was 88 and had been in religious life for 68 years.

Born Dorothy Sobus, Sister Roberta attended Seton High School in Baltimore from 1937 to 1941, deciding to become a Daughter of Charity after graduation. She received a bachelor's degree from St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg in 1960, and a master's degree in business education from The Catholic University of America in 1972.

She taught for many years in Catholic education in several states, serving in the Archdiocese of Baltimore at St. Martin School, Baltimore, from 1964 to 1965; Seton High School, Baltimore, from 1966 to 1972 and 1977 to 1981; and St. Joseph High School, Emmitsburg from 1981 to 1982.

Sister Roberta served as the director of an outreach program in Emmitsburg from 1982 to 1986, and was a thrift shop manager from 1989 to 1994. She was involved in parish ministry at St. Martin in Baltimore from 1986 to 1989 and also a clerk at the Seton Shrine Gift Shop in Emmitsburg for several years.

Sister Roberta was awarded the Archdiocesan Medal of Honor in 1984.