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The summer of 1954 was special. Pee Wee Reese, Gil Hodges, and the other boys of summer were still the "BROOKLYN" Dodgers, I learned to swim, and most importantly, Christmas came in August for St. Paul's class of 1957. It was announced at the 9 am mass that Sister Rose Emilita Williams, SC, our fourth-grade teacher, would once again be our teacher in grade six.

Sister Rose Emilita Williams, SC, was an understated, gentle soul who never judged anyone. She was a gift for a little girl who was hyper and couldn't always control her behavior. I hadn't heard "the very things I do, I hate." No one had come up with the "Attention deficit syndrome." Yet somehow, I wished I could sit still and "practice self-control" like the "good girls".

Sister Rose Emilita Williams, SC saw beyond the fidgeting and chattering and patiently nurtured and calmed those who needed that little extra understanding. Sister Rose Emilita Williams, SC, never went on a foreign mission, nor did she ever publish an academic paper. But to me, she will always be that unsung hero, the first person who understood that I, too, wanted to be a "good girl" but just couldn't nail it. Thank you, Sister Rose Emilita Williams, SC. Memories of you, dear gentle soul, live on.

I want to honor Sister Rose Emilita Williams, SC.