

## Sister Naomi Shekoski, CSA

Sister Naomi (Agnes) Shekoski, 89, died on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at St. Francis Home.

Agnes Shekoski was born August 4, 1919, in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, to Joseph and Anna Koch Shekoski. The seven Shekoski children, three girls and four boys, attended St. Luke's School in Two Rivers. Agnes graduated from Washington High School in 1937 and worked for a couple of years. She responded in 1942 to the call to join the Sisters of St. Agnes, who had been her grade school teachers.



In Fond du Lac, Agnes attended Marian College, earning a BS in education degree. She received the name Sister Naomi when she professed her first vows on August 15, 1944. For more than forty-six years she taught primary and intermediate grades in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Kansas, Illinois, and Indiana. First graders were her specialty for thirty of her teaching years; though she spent a number of years teaching intermediate and junior high classes. She served as principal as well as teacher in Bensenville, Illinois. In the 1990's, retirement brought Sister Naomi to Nazareth Heights, where she continued to serve others in the sewing room.

Sister Naomi's gentle simplicity endeared her to her young students, to colleagues, and to the sisters with whom she lived. She was a quiet, compassionate woman with a deep spiritual sensitivity. Her bright and ready smile lighted up her face and lightened the hearts of those who encountered her. Even when declining mobility and speech brought her to St. Francis Home, her trademark smile brought joy to those who cared for her and those who visited her. She slipped into eternity with the same quiet simplicity with which she had lived.

Sister Naomi is survived by one brother, Raymond (Adele) of Tomah, Wisconsin; two sisters: Cecelia Kornely of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, and Dorothy (Allen) Jost of Naples, Florida; sister-in-law, Florence Shekoski of Two Rivers, WI; nieces and nephews; and the Sisters of St. Agnes with whom she lived, prayed, and ministered.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Joseph and Anna Shekoski and three brothers: Francis, Raphael, and William.

**Visitation:** Visitation for Sister Naomi will be held on Monday, January 12, 2009, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. at Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac. A prayer service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

**Services:** A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac. Father Ken Smits will preside. Burial will be at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery.

The Sisters of St. Agnes are grateful to the nurses and staff of Hospice Hope and St. Francis Home for their care of Sister Naomi.