

Sister Ancilla Lengerich, CSA

Sister Ancilla Lengerich, CSA, (Teresa Mary Lengerich) died peacefully on November 17, 2014, at St. Francis Home, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Teresa Mary was born in Decatur, Indiana, on June 11, 1920, to Clement Lengerich and Catherine Gase Lengerich. She was one of five children, one boy and four girls. Two of her sisters also entered religious life, becoming Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, and one sister married; her brother was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana.

She made her profession of vows as Sister Ancilla in the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes on August 15, 1939. She received her diploma from St. Agnes School of Nursing in 1942 and a Certificate in Operating Room Techniques in 1943. Sister ministered as a supervisor and nurse in operating and emergency rooms for 60 years at St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; St. Clare Hospital, Monroe, Wisconsin; and St. Anthony Hospital, Hays, Kansas. She was also a nurse on the staff of Nazareth Heights Infirmary in Fond du Lac for two years. After retiring from hospital ministry, Sister Ancilla volunteered at St. Francis Home for 13 years. During the past summer, Sister Ancilla gratefully celebrated 75 years as a Sister of St. Agnes.

Sister was preceded in death by her parents Clement Lengerich and Catherine Gase Lengerich, and her sister Sister Rosella Lengerich, OLVM.

Sister is survived by her sisters Rita (James) Weber and Sister Dorothy Ann Lengerich, OLVM; her brother Monsignor Vincent Lengerich; and the Sisters of St. Agnes, with whom she lived, prayed and ministered.

Visitation for Sister Ancilla will be November 20, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., at Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. A prayer service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Nazareth Community Room.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. on November 20, 2014, in St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The presider will be Father Ken Smits, Capuchin. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery.

Memorials can be directed to the Sisters of St. Agnes Development Office, 320 County Road K, Fond du Lac, WI 54937.

The Sisters of St. Agnes are grateful to the nurses and staff of Nazareth Court and Center/St. Francis Home and Hospice Hope for their care of Sister Ancilla in her last years.

Zacherl Funeral Home is serving the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Agnes.

