

Sister Mary Leon Snyder, CSA

Sister Mary Leon Snyder, CSA, 87, a resident of Nazareth Center in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, died at the Center on Monday, October 30, 2006.

Sister was born in New Haven, Indiana on January 26, 1919, the daughter of Leo and Mary Schlink Snyder. Sister entered the Congregation of Saint Agnes from her home parish of Saint John the Baptist in New Haven, Indiana, in 1941 and professed her vows on August 15, 1944.



For thirty-four years Sister Mary Leon ministered in Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin as an elementary teacher including twelve years as a teacher/principal. During most of those thirty-four years Sister also served as organist. Having obtained her Masters degree in geography from Saint Louis University in Saint Louis in 1962 Sister then spent eight summers teaching geography at Marian College in Fond du Lac. After retiring from the classroom in 1978 Sister Mary Leon ministered for five years to the elderly sisters of her community at Nazareth Heights in multiple ways including serving as organist and driver. Sister's retirement years found her continuing to reach out to others, serving the elderly and her religious community in Pennsylvania, Kansas, Indiana and Wisconsin. Sister believed in living each day to the fullest giving of herself unselfishly which she did right up to the moment she went to the Lord. She is also remembered for her great devotion to the Holy Family and for her deep sense of gratitude.

Survivors include her four sisters-in-law, Maxine Snyder of Circleville, Ohio, Donna Snyder of St. Simon's Island, Georgia, Mary and Hilda Snyder, both of New Haven, Indiana, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, other relatives, friends, and members of the Congregation of St. Agnes with whom she lived and ministered.

Sister was preceded in death by her four brothers, Richard, Bernard, Raymond and Harold Snyder.

Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 6, 2006, at St. Francis Home Chapel at 33 Everett St. in Fond du Lac. The Rev. Edward Sippel will be the celebrant. Burial will follow the Mass of Christian Burial and will be at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery in Fond du Lac.

Visitation: Visitation will be held at Nazareth Court, 375 Gillett Street in Fond du Lac from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2006, where a prayer service will be held at 6:00 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the Sisters of St. Agnes Development Office.