

Sister Mary Frances Schug, CSA

Sister Mary Frances Schug, CSA, 80, a resident of St. Francis Home in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin for almost three months, died at the Home on Sunday, August 6, 2006.

Sister Mary Frances was born on November 26, 1925, in Yonkers, New York, the second of five children of John and Frances Kruppenbacher Schug.

Sister entered the Congregation of Saint Agnes in 1943 from Sacred Heart Parish in Yonkers, New York, professing her vows on August 15, 1946.



Already at the age of five, little Therese, as she was known then, was playing the piano, bringing joy to her family and friends. Throughout her sixty years of ministry as a sister her gift of music was always shared with those around her. From 1946 to 1969 Sister served as an elementary school teacher, along with being the music teacher and organist, in Indiana, Wisconsin, and Ohio. After receiving her Masters degree in music from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., Sister began totally dedicating her ministry to music, ministering in Kansas, Illinois and in Wisconsin. In 1981 Sister Mary Frances returned to Fond du Lac where she shared her musical talents for the last twenty-five years of her life in multiple ways, some of which include: teaching piano and organ at Saint Agnes Convent and at Marian College; being accompanist at multiple occasions including regional and state festivals, the Fond du Lac Oratorio Society performances, for the "Very Special Arts Chorus," and many, many weddings and funerals. She took great delight in accompanying and teaching others the gift of music. Sister Mary Frances was recognized many times for her musical gifts including: "Award of Excellence" (1987) from the Wisconsin Music Teachers Association and the "Windy Award" (2001) by the Windhover Center for the Arts.

Survivors include three sisters, Frances Grace of Little Neck, New York, Rita Bachop of Roscoe, New York, and Sister Emily Schug, CSA, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; many nieces and nephews, relatives, friends and the members of the Congregation of St. Agnes with whom she lived and ministered.

Sister Mary Frances was preceded in death by her one brother, Rev. John Schug, OFM Cap.

Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 4:00 pm on Friday, August 11, 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 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 after 9:00 am on Friday, August 11, 2006, where a prayer service will be held at 2:00 pm.