

## Sister Beatrice Grams, CSA

Sister Beatrice Grams, CSA, 69, a resident of St. Francis Home in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, died at the Home on Friday, April 28, 2006.

Sister Beatrice was born Aug. 25, 1936, in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, a daughter of Harold and Gertrude Gahlman Grams.

Sister entered the Congregation of St. Agnes in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, from St. Bernard Parish in Watertown, Wisconsin, and professed her vows on August 15, 1955.



Sister Beatrice spent 15 years as an elementary school teacher in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania. She also served at Marian College for 7 years as a Financial Aids Officer and Residence Hall Director. For 13 years Sister Beatrice was the Treasurer General for the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Agnes. For the last four years before her retirement in 1999 she did pastoral ministry at Nazareth Heights and was Local Coordinator at Boyle Apostolic Center.

In 1985 she had a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis while she was serving as General Treasurer for the congregation. It was at that time that she began to do some personal research into the disease of MS and through the ensuing years made plans to become an organ donor for: “Gift of Hope—Helping Scientists Help Patients” in Los Angeles, California. Her wishes were honored to donate her necessary organs for research purposes in order to help MS patients of the future.

Survivors include two brothers, Glen (Isela) Grams and Mark (Betty) Grams both of Watertown, Wisconsin, and six nieces and nephews.

Sister was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Rita Grams Marmes.

**Services:** A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at St. Francis Home Chapel at 33 Everett St. in Fond du Lac. The Rev. Edward Sippel will be the celebrant and Father Oliver Bambenek, OFM, Cap., will concelebrate. Burial will follow the Mass and 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 Wednesday, May 3, 2006, where a prayer service will be held at 1:00 pm.