

S. Mary Josephine Escher, CSA

Sister Mary Josephine Escher, C.S.A., died peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at St. Francis Home in Fond du Lac.

Sister Mary Josephine was born on Oct. 31, 1910, in Hilbert, Wis., a daughter of the late Anton and Josephine Diedrich Escher.

Sister professed her vows in the Congregation of St. Agnes on Aug. 15, 1930.



A 1933 graduate of St. Agnes School of Nursing, Sister Mary Josephine ministered in the healthcare field as nurse, director of nursing, clinical instructor and administrator of hospitals and a nursing home in Wisconsin and Kansas. In her retirement years Sister served as a volunteer pastoral minister at the Fond du Lac County Health Care Center, where she was recognized in 1988 for providing 3,000 hours of service. From 1957 to 1963 Sister served on the general council of the Congregation of St. Agnes.

Survivors include nieces and nephews; other relatives; friends; and members of the Congregation of St. Agnes with whom she lived and ministered.

Sister was preceded in death by her brother, Harvin; and her sister, Katherine Peters.

● **Services:** A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 8, 2004, at St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett St., Fond du Lac. The Rev. Joseph Gurdak, OFM, Cap., will be the celebrant. Burial services will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at St. Joseph's Springs Cemetery in Fond du Lac.

● **Visitation:** Visitation will be held from 1 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 8, 2004, at Nazareth Court, 375 Gillett St., Fond du Lac, where a prayer service will be held at 4 p.m.

Zacherl Funeral Home is serving the Congregation.