

Sister Mary Beatrice Nolan, CSA

Sister Mary Beatrice Nolan, CSA, 91, died on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006, at St. Francis Home in Fond du Lac, where she resided for the past five months.

She was born on Oct. 13, 1915, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the daughter of Charles and Beatrice Bueter Nolan.

Sister entered the Congregation of St. Agnes from her home parish of St. Patrick's in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1933, and professed her vows on Aug. 15, 1936.



In 1936, Sister Mary Beatrice began fifteen years as an elementary school teacher at St. Joseph's School in Fond du Lac. As an elementary teacher, Sister taught the middle grades in Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, and New York. For the next eleven years, Sister taught high school and was the librarian at schools in New York, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

In the late 1950s, Sister obtained her master's degree in library science, after which she served as full-time librarian, beginning at St. Mary's Springs Academy from 1961 to 1973. She then moved to Indiana and Illinois, where she continued to share her gifts as a librarian.

Even in her retirement years at Nazareth Heights, Nazareth Court/Center and St. Francis Home, Sister continued to serve as librarian for the sisters' library right up to the time of her death.

A great love for education was shared throughout her years of ministry and in her retirement years, including tutoring two young girls until she was hospitalized recently. In her spare time, Sister loved to read and was an avid Green Bay Packers and Notre Dame fan.

Survivors include her sister, Sister Agnes Nolan, RGS, of Fort Thomas, Kentucky; four nieces; two grandnieces; friends; and members of the Congregation of St. Agnes with whom she lived and ministered.

Preceding her in death were her four brothers, Robert, Richard, Charles and Eugene; and her two sisters, Mary Nolan and Beatrice Northcutt.

Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett St., 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, Fond du Lac. Visitation will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Nazareth Court, 375 Gillett St., Fond du Lac, where a prayer service will be held at 4 p.m.

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