

Sister Claudine McCormick, CSA

Sister Claudine McCormick, CSA, 94, a resident of Saint Francis Home in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, died at the Home on Wednesday, May 30, 2007.

Sister was born in Doylestown, Wisconsin, on June 17, 1912, and was given the name, Agnes Catherine McCormick. She was the fifth of nine children of Joseph and Mary "Mollie" Kirley McCormick. Agnes attended Saint Mary's Springs Academy in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, for her junior year in high school. It was in that year that she grew to know the Sisters of Saint Agnes and heard God's call within to become one of them. After that junior year she entered the Congregation of Saint Agnes in 1929 from her home parish, Saint Patrick's in Doylestown, Wisconsin. She professed her vows in 1932, and was given the name Sister Claudine. Just one month ago, on April 29, 2007, Sister celebrated her 75th Jubilee as a Sister of Saint Agnes.



As a novice, in 1931 to 1932, Sister Claudine began her ministry in education, teaching second grade at Saint Joseph's School in Fond du Lac. She taught at Saint Patrick's School in Fond du Lac from 1940 to 1942, and again at Saint Joseph's in Fond du Lac from 1956 to 1965. She also taught at Saint Mary's in Mayville, Wisconsin, from 1970 to 1977. In total Sister Claudine taught the primary and intermediate grades for fifty-five years in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Kansas. Many of those years found her also managing the library in the schools in which she taught.

After retiring in 1986 Sister moved to the motherhouse of the Congregation. There she served as a receptionist sharing a welcoming smile and heart with all who entered. Sister is remembered for her great Irish wit. Saint Patrick's Day parties bring back great memories of Sister doing the Irish jig. She loved a good time and helped others have the same.

Survivors include her sister, Eleanor Anderson of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, a brother-in-law, Harold Warmke of Janesville, Wisconsin, a sister-in-law, Agnes McCormick of Cambria, Wisconsin, nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and members of the Congregation of St. Agnes with whom she lived and ministered.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Hubert, Owen, Joseph, James and William McCormick and by her sisters, Mary Alice Reak and Ann Warmke.

Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2007, at St. Francis Home Chapel at 33 Everett St. in Fond du Lac. The Rev. Edward Sippel will preside. Burial will follow the Mass of Christian Burial 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 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2007, where a prayer service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

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

Zacherl Funeral Home is serving the Congregation of St. Agnes.