

Sister Alvis Jacobs, CSA

Sister Alvis Jacobs, CSA, 94, a resident of Nazareth Center in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, died there on Tuesday, June 26, 2007.

Sister was born in Hilbert, Wisconsin, on November 10, 1912, the daughter of Mathias and Anna Diedrich Jacobs. She was baptized at Saint John the Baptist Parish in Saint John, Wisconsin, and was given the name, Olive. Having been taught by the Sisters of Saint Agnes at St. John's, Olive decided that she too wanted to become one of the Sisters and so, at the age of 15, she entered the Congregation of Saint Agnes in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in 1927. She professed her vows in 1931 and was given the name Sister Alvis.



In 1931 Sister Alvis began her ministry in education, teaching the middle grades for twenty years in Elmhurst, Illinois, and Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. For the next fifteen years, using her special gifts and acquired skills, she moved on to teach English in the secondary level in New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Sister eventually came to Marian College in Fond du Lac where she taught in the field of English from 1967 to 1972. After retiring from the classroom in 1972 Sister continued to use her writing skills as support staff at Marian College until 1978.

After her retirement in 1978 Sister developed another interest, that of visiting the sick and elderly. She did that in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Sells, Arizona, and Hays, Kansas. A time that she remembered fondly was her years as a volunteer for Hospice Hope in Berlin, Wisconsin.

Sister Alvis is remembered for her wit, her artistic talent, and her gift of writing. Often she amazed her friends and community with her poetry and her beautiful handmade greeting cards.

Survivors include her nephew, five nieces, other relatives, many friends, and members of the Congregation of St. Agnes with whom she lived and ministered.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Aloys and Alvin Jacobs, and her sisters, Rose Zimmermann and Merina Bechtolb.

Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 6:30P.M. on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at St. Francis Home Chapel at 33 Everett Street in Fond du Lac. The Rev. Edward Sippel will preside. Burial will be at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, June 29, 2007, 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 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2007, where a prayer service will be held at 4:00 p.m.

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