

**Name of Jubilarian:** Sister Sonia Miley

**Name of Birthplace/Hometown:** Sheboygan, Wisconsin

**Education, schools attended, and degrees received:**

St. Peter Claver, Sheboygan, Wisconsin – Grade School  
St. Mary Springs, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin – High School  
Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI – Bachelor of Science Nursing  
Rush Presbyterian St. Luke, Chicago, Illinois – Master of Science Community Health  
Family Nurse Practitioner

**Overview of positions held, locations, and dates where Sister Sonia has ministered:**

1972-1984, St. Clare Hospital, Monroe, Wisconsin – Registered Nurse  
1984-1990, Unity House Ministry, Chicago, Illinois – Master of Science Community  
Health Family Nurse Practitioner  
1990-1996, Frontier Nursing Service, Beachfork Clinic, Asher, Kentucky – Nurse  
Practitioner  
1996-1999, Riverview Primary Care, Wisconsin Rapids, WI – Nurse Practitioner  
1999-present, Nazareth Center & Court,  
Fond du Lac Regional Clinic Family Medicine, Nurse Practitioner

**Thoughts on Religious Life:**

By paths unknown I will guide you

My paths for the past forty years have taken me to many wonderful places. I have loved every place from Monroe to Chicago to the back hills of Kentucky. I am a nurse practitioner serving God's people and I love it. Then I was asked to come back to Fond du Lac and care for our sisters in retirement. Go back to Fond du Lac? I don't even know these sisters anymore; I had been away so long. OK God, why are you asking me to go back there? God knew what was going to come.

In the past ten years, I have been nurse to our sisters in retirement. It has been an awe-filled time of accompanying our sisters thru illness and sometimes death. These sisters have been my midwives in showing me life and death. It has been a humbling experience to be the one that they would rely on. Illness can be such a transforming experience. I felt many times that I was there only with my hands open receiving all their thoughts and hopes and fears. As they shared, I realized these were my own thoughts and fears. Death can be an equalizer. Many of these sisters I would not have know in community. We were on different paths, different interests, but we met on that journey to death and we became instant soul mates.

This is only one part of my journey but it has been a powerful lesson for me. I realize more than ever what it means to be part of the Sisters of St. Agnes. The Lord knew the path I needed to follow and what a rich experience was waiting in Fond du Lac.