

Sister Clare Marie Conrad, CSA

Sister Clare Marie Conrad, CSA, (Bernice Marie Conrad) died peacefully on January 20, 2017, at St. Francis Home, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Bernice Marie was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, on June 24, 1916, to Francis Albert Conrad and Emma Langguth Conrad. She was one of seven children, five boys and two girls.

Sister Clare Marie made her profession of vows in the Congregation of St. Agnes on August 15, 1935. She received a BS in Education from Marian College of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, an MA in Library Science from Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois, and an MA in Theology from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. Sister Clare Marie taught in elementary schools in Wisconsin for 14 years. She served as librarian for 16 years, including assignments to St. Mary's Springs Academy and Marian College, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Sacred Heart High School, Yonkers, New York, and Precious Blood School, Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Sister Clare Marie was appointed to ministry within the congregation, serving as Novice Directress from 1962-1969 and as Secretary General from 1973-1979.

She began a new focus in her life of service, moving in 1979 to Springerville, Arizona, where she worked in pastoral ministry and religious education. She continued in pastoral ministry at St. Mary Parish, Altoona, Pennsylvania, and St. Henry Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Having helped on the staff at Nazareth Heights Infirmary, Fond du Lac, during 1997-1998, Sister Clare Marie returned to her hometown and devoted herself to giving part-time help at Marian House Manor and to visiting many elderly and homebound persons in the Altoona, Pennsylvania, area.

Sister was preceded in death by her parents Francis Albert Conrad and Emma Langguth Conrad; her brothers Francis Conrad, Regis Conrad, Leo Conrad, John Conrad, Thomas Conrad; and her sister Kathryn Pfeffer. She is survived by her loving nieces and nephews, other relatives and the Sisters of St. Agnes, with whom she lived, prayed and ministered.

Visitation for Sister Clare Marie Conrad will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2017, at Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; a prayer service will begin at 11:00 a.m., in the Community Room of Nazareth Court.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 p.m., on January 27, 2017, at St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Father Ken Smits, Capuchin, will be the presider. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery.

Memorials can be directed to the Sisters of St. Agnes Development Office, 320 County Road K, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54937.

The Sisters of St. Agnes are grateful to the nurses and staff of Nazareth Court and Center/St. Francis Home and Hospice Hope for their care of Sister Clare Marie in her last years.

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