

Sister Carmella Richie, CSA

Sister Carmella Richie, CSA, 97, died on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, in Nazareth Center where she resided.

Carmella Richie, daughter of Joseph and Mary Dabruzzo Richie was born November 12, 1914, in the northwest Wisconsin city of Cumberland. The parents, five sons and three daughters later moved to Hudson, Wisconsin. In 1932, Carmella entered the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes. At her first profession in 1935, she received her baptismal name and became Sister Carmella.

For more than fifty years, Sister Carmella served as a homemaker in various houses and institutions of the Congregation in Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Kansas, and Minnesota. Perfection was her goal, whether preparing meals, doing laundry, or praying. She was especially proud of a prize-winning stuffed shells recipe which she happily shared with others. When she retired to Nazareth Heights in 1992, she continued to help with the laundry there. She was among the first residents to move to Nazareth Court and Center when it opened in 1998.



Sister Carmella is survived by one sister, Carolyn Raddatz of Bakersfield, CA; a sister-in-law, Joan Richie of Hudson, WI; nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; and the Sisters of St. Agnes with whom she lived, prayed, and ministered.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Joseph and Mary Dabruzzo Richie; five brothers: Anthony, George, Frank, Mike and Peter; and one sister: Esther Johnson.

Visitation: Visitation for Sister Carmella will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2012, from 10 a.m. till 1:15p.m. at Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac. A prayer service will be held on Saturday, January 7, at 11 a.m.

Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, January 7, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac. Fathers Ken Smits, Capuchin, and Werner Wolf, Capuchin, will preside. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery, weather permitting.

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

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