

Sister Roseann Simon, CSA

Sister Roseann (formerly Sister Ambrose) Simon, CSA, (84) died unexpectedly Wednesday, July 6, 2011, at St. Agnes Convent where she resided since 2002.

Roseann was born December 17, 1926, in St. Kilian, Wisconsin. Her parents were the late Frank and Margaret Schrauth Simon of St. Kilian. She was the youngest child of ten born to this farming family in rural Wisconsin. Roseann received her grade school education at St. Kilian Elementary School. For three years she attended St. Mary's Springs Academy, graduating in 1946. She attributed her religious vocation to her parents' prayers and to their living of their Catholic faith and especially their daily attendance at Mass.



She entered the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes in 1946 and made profession of first vows in 1949 as Sister Ambrose. Having earned a B.S. degree in Education from Marian College of Fond du Lac and an M.S. in Education from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she taught in elementary schools in Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. She also served as principal in several elementary schools from 1967-1984. After completing 43 years in teaching, she served as Curriculum Library Coordinator, and later as a library volunteer, at Marian College from 1992-2001, sharing with student teachers her experience as an educator. (After Vatican II, Sister had returned to her baptismal name and was known as Sister Roseann.)

In her work she was precise and organized; with others she was witty, cheerful, gracious and generous. She enjoyed visiting relatives, picnicking at Lakeside Park, reading, and sewing. She was a prayerful person and liked to read the latest spiritual books.

She is survived by one brother, Father Ambrose Simon, OFM Cap, of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, and also nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and the Sisters of St. Agnes with whom she lived, prayed, and ministered.

Preceding her in death were her parents; five brothers: Anthony who died as a child, Joseph, Andrew, Bernard, and Conrad; and three sisters: Odilia Simon, Sister Angelica Simon, CSA, and Sister Thecla Simon, CSA.

Visitation: Visitation for Sister Roseann will be held on Saturday, July 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac. A prayer service will be held on Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac. Father Ken Smits, OFM Cap, will preside. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Sisters of St. Agnes Development Office, 320 County Road K, Fond du Lac, WI 54937.