

Sister Beata Reiser, CSA

Sister Beata Reiser, CSA, baptized Patricia Rita, died peacefully July 7, 2021, at St. Francis Home, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Patricia was born in Lomira, Wisconsin, on December 17, 1937, the daughter of George Nicholas Reiser and Genevieve Johannah Seiler Reiser. Raised on her family farm, Patricia enjoyed doing farm chores with her brother and sister.

Patricia entered St. Agnes Convent in 1951 and earned her high school diploma from St. Agnes High School in 1954. She made her profession of vows in the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Agnes as Sister Beata on August 15, 1956, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Sister Beata graduated from St. Agnes School of Nursing, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in 1959 and received her B.S. in Nursing from Marian College, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in 1961. For fifty-six years, Sister Beata was a devoted nurse with a special heart for the poor, the elderly, and the dying. She continually updated her professional skills to serve more effectively.

Sister served at St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; St. Clare Hospital, Monroe, Wisconsin; The Fond du Lac Community Health Center, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; and at Nazareth Heights Infirmary, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. From 1991-2012, Sister Beata was a hospice nurse providing end of life care in several rural Mississippi communities: Hospice of Central Mississippi, Jackson; Whispering Pines Hospice, Jackson; Hospice Ministries, Ridgeland, serving out of its branch office in Forest.

In June of 2012, Sister Beata returned to Fond du Lac to reside at St. Agnes Convent until moving to Nazareth Court and Center in February of 2017. Frail health necessitated her move to St. Francis Home where she was cared for until the time of her death.

Sister Beata was preceded in death by her parents, George and Genevieve Reiser, her brother, George Joseph Reiser, and her brother-in-law, Samuel Paniccia.

Sister is survived by her sister, Rosemary Paniccia, nieces and nephews, and the Sisters of St. Agnes, with whom she lived, prayed, and ministered.

Visitation will be held at Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin from 9:00 -11:00 a.m., and from 12:00 -1:30 p.m., on Friday, July 16, 2021. A Prayer Service will be held on Friday, July 16, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., in Nazareth Center



Chapel. Please check-in for the Visitation and Prayer Service at the 375 Gillett Street entrance only.

The Liturgy of Christian Burial for Sister Beata will be held on Friday, July 16, 2021, at St. Francis Home, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, with Father Kenneth Smits, Capuchin, presiding. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Memorials may be directed to the CSA Mission Advancement 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, St. Francis Home, and Hospice Hope for their care of Sister Beata during her final years.

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