

Sister Jeanette Thelen, CSA

Sister Jeanette Thelen, CSA, formerly known as Sister Francis Xavier, died peacefully on September 3, 2014, at St. Francis Home, Fond du Lac, WI.

Jeanette was born in West Allis, WI, on October 17, 1922, to John Bernard Thelen and Estella Griffin Thelen. She was one of four children. Jeanette made her profession of vows, as Sister Francis Xavier, in the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes on August 15, 1942. After graduating from St. Agnes School of Nursing she became a registered nurse in 1945. In 1958 she received a BS in Nursing Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI. She ministered as a nurse at St. Agnes and St. Clare Hospitals in Wisconsin and at St. Thomas and St. Anthony Hospitals in Kansas. Sister Jeanette served in a variety of roles and responsibilities for 42 years in these hospitals, and later on staff at Nazareth Heights Infirmary and St. Agnes Convent. Sister's love of music led her to minister as organist for religious services in each of the hospitals where she was assigned.



Sister Jeanette was preceded in death by her parents John Bernard Thelen and Estella Griffin Thelen and her sisters, Lenora Weber and Evelyn O'Connell.

Sister is survived by her brother John A. Thelen, her loving niece Linda Miller, her nephews, other relatives and friends, and by the Sisters of St. Agnes, with whom she lived, prayed, and ministered.

Visitation for Sister Jeanette will be on September 8, 2014, at 9:30 at Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. A prayer service will be held at 11:00 a.m., at Nazareth Court.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. on September 8, 2014, at St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The presider will be Father Ken Smits, Capuchin. 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, WI 54937.

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

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