

## **Sister Judine Ebsch, CSA**

Sister Judine Ebsch, CSA, Viola Mary Ebsch, died at St. Francis Home on September 3, 2013. She died just before midnight on Founders' Day, an annual celebration honoring the three founders of the Sisters of St. Agnes.

Viola Mary Ebsch was born in Manitowoc, WI, on January 8, 1918, to Frank Ebsch and Armella Heinzen Ebsch. She had three brothers and one sister. The family later moved to Menominee, MI, and it was from there that Viola entered St. Agnes Convent in August 1934. She made first profession of vows as Sister Judine in the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes on August 15, 1937.



Her ministries included: Holy Family Orphans' Home in Marquette, MI; Henry Boyle Catholic Home, Nazareth Heights Infirmary, and the Central Wisconsin Cancer Center in Fond du Lac; Pastoral Care in Monroe, WI. She also served for a time at St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac. Sister has been housekeeper, nurse aide, and sacristan at various places during her life. Sister Judine also wrote beautiful poetry.

Preceding Sister Judine in death were her father, her mother, and two brothers Vernon and Francis Ebsch.

She is survived by her sister Elaine Seidl and her brother Larry Ebsch, and the Sisters of St. Agnes with whom she lived, prayed, and ministered.

Visitation for Sister Judine will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett St., on Friday, September 6, 2013, with a prayer service at 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Francis Home Chapel on Friday, September 6, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., with Fr. Ken Smits, Capuchin, as presider. 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.

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 Judine, as well as to the staff of Hospice Hope.

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