Sister Mildred Ryan, CSA

Sister Mildred Ryan, CSA, formerly known as Sister Aquin, died peacefully on August 7, 2016, at Nazareth Center.

Mildred was born in Muncie, Indiana, on December 15, 1915, to Charles A. Ryan and Elsie A. Baer. She was one of six siblings, three boys and three girls. Mildred attended the first two years of high school at St. Mary’s Springs Academy. Her family then moved to Richmond, Virginia, where she completed high school and a two-year business course. Having been employed in office work for four years, Mildred entered St. Agnes Convent in 1938 from St. Benedict Parish in Richmond, Virginia. She made her profession of vows in the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes on August 15, 1941. Sister Mildred received a B.S. in Education and Social Studies from Marian College of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in August 1941. She was a member of Marian's first graduating class. In 1956 she earned an M.S. in Secondary Education and Business from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and also received state certification in French.

Sister Mildred taught business, social studies, and French in secondary schools for 38 years in Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana, and Wisconsin. In 1973 Sister Mildred was assigned to assist in the business office at Marian College. After seven years at Marian she was appointed general secretary for the Congregation of St. Agnes. In 1987 she moved to Mobile, Alabama, where she was secretary/bookkeeper at the Service Center of Catholic Social Services until moving to Nazareth Court and Center, Fond du Lac, in the fall of 2001.

Sister Mildred was preceded in death by her parents Charles A. Ryan and Elsie A. Baer Ryan; her brothers Charles S. Ryan, Robert E. Ryan and Leslie Ryan; and her sister Gertrude Caudle. Sister is survived by her sister Kathleen Connelly, nieces and nephews, and the Sisters of St. Agnes, with whom she lived, prayed and ministered.

Visitation for Sister Mildred Ryan will be Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. A prayer service for Sister Mildred will be held at 11:00 a.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be on August 10, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Father Ken Smits, Capuchin, will be the presider. 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 and the staff of Hospice Hope for their care of Sister Mildred.

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