Sister Paula Mand, CSA

Sister Paula Mand, CSA, 76, passed away on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at Nazareth Center where she lived.

Sister Paula was born on February 22, 1931, in St. Peter, Wisconsin, a daughter to Frank and Catherine Wirtz Mand. She made her profession of vows as a Sister of St. Agnes on August 15, 1950.

For forty of her forty-seven years as an educator in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Illinois, Sister Paula taught first and second grade. The other seven years she moved with the same class, teaching grades three through eight successively. With a master's degree as a reading specialist, Sister Paula had a gift for teaching reading to children who found learning difficult. Some of her former students attribute their success as adults to her dedication to teaching.

Motivated by her deep faith and love for God, Sister Paula brought that same dedication to her service to the retired Sisters of St. Agnes, first as a summer volunteer at Nazareth Heights and then at Nazareth Court/Center and St. Francis Home, where she has spent the last nine years. Even in her last illness she continued to work until recent weeks when physical limitations prevented her. She is remembered as a woman of faith, simplicity, and integrity.

Sister Paula is survived by two sisters, Clara (Edward) Anhalt of New Holstein and Rita Petrie of Mt. Calvary; two brothers, Steven (Betty) Mand and James (Mary) Mand, all of Fond du Lac; sister-in-law, Roseann Mand Kindermann; Godmother and aunt, Bertha Morgen; nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and the members of the Congregation of St. Agnes, with whom she lived and ministered.

Preceding her in death are her parents, one brother, Paul Mand, and one brother-in-law, Melvin Petrie.

Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 23, 2007, in the St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac. Burial will follow the Mass at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery.

Visitation: The family and the Congregation of St. Agnes will receive relatives and friends at Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac, on Friday, November 23, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. There will be a prayer service there at 11:00 a.m.

The Sisters of St. Agnes thank the nurses and staff of Nazareth Court and Center and of Hospice Hope for their care for Sister Paula.

Memorials may be directed to the Sisters of St. Agnes Development Office, 320 County Road K, Fond du Lac, WI 54935.