Sister Rose Agnes Freund, CSA

Sister Rose Agnes (Viola) Freund, CSA, 93, a resident of St. Francis Home in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, died at the Home on Friday, October 27, 2006.

Viola was born January 8, 1913, in Fond du Lac, the daughter of Albert and Rose Agnes Stephany Freund. Having graduated from Senior High School in Fond du Lac in 1931, she then worked in food service for St. Agnes Hospital until she entered the Congregation of Saint Agnes in 1937. She professed her vows on August 15, 1940, and was given the name “Rose Agnes”.

As a 1943 graduate of St. Agnes School of Nursing, Sister began her 31 years of nursing at St. Agnes Hospital serving as nurse and supervisor. During her years of nursing she also served at St. Thomas Hospital in Colby, KS, and at St. Clare Hospital in Monroe, Wisconsin. In 1971 Sister Rose Agnes was asked to serve as Administrator of Nazareth Heights, the retirement home for the Congregation of St. Agnes, which she did for the next eleven years. In her retirement years Sister continued to serve her sisters as receptionist at Nazareth Heights. Sister is remembered for her wise mentoring of younger sister nurses and for her loving, gentle ways wherever she went. She is also remembered for her deep love of her family and her religious community.

Survivors include her brother, Norman Freund (Genevieve) of Pinellas Park, Florida, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, other relatives, friends, and members of the Congregation of St. Agnes with whom she lived and ministered.

Sister was preceded in death by her sister, Valeria (Ray) Wagner.

Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2006, at St. Francis Home Chapel at 33 Everett St. in Fond du Lac. The Rev. Edward Sippel will be the celebrant. Burial will follow the Mass of Christian Burial and will be at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery in Fond du Lac.

Visitation: Visitation will be held at Nazareth Court, 375 Gillett Street in Fond du Lac after 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2006, where a prayer service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

Memorials may be directed to the Sisters of St. Agnes Development Ministry Fund.