

Sister Marcella Karlin, CSA

Sister Marcella Karlin, CSA, 96, a resident of Nazareth Center, 375 Gillett St., Fond du Lac, died at the center on Monday, Sept. 19, 2005.

Sister Marcella, second oldest of 15 children, was born July 29, 1909, in Catharine, Kansas, a daughter of Frank E. and Anna Mary Schmidt Karlin.

Marcella, a 1927 graduate of Girls Catholic High in Hays, Kansas, entered the Congregation of St. Agnes after graduation and professed her vows on August 15, 1930. Eventually she would be one of six members of her family who joined religious life, with five joining the Congregation of St. Agnes in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.



Sister Marcella spent half of her teaching career at St. Joseph's School in Fond du Lac, teaching there from 1927 to 1951. She spoke often and fondly of her years at St. Joe's. After teaching in elementary schools in Wisconsin and Kansas for 50 years, Sister began a new ministry, serving as a volunteer at St. Anthony Hospital in Hays, Kansas, for the next 12 years, retiring to Fond du Lac in 1990.

Survivors include her brother, Francis Karlin of North Las Vegas, Nevada; four sisters, Teckla Werth and Isabelle Linenberger both of Los Angeles, California, Sister Anne Karlin, CSA, of New York, New York, and Sister Lois Karlin, CSA, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; four sisters-in-law, Agnes and Alfreda Karlin, both of Hays, Kansas, Carol Karlin of Grinnell, Kansas, and Vivian Karlin of Kansas City, Kansas.

She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and the members of the Congregation of St. Agnes, with whom she lived and ministered.

Sister Marcella was preceded in death by seven brothers, Alvin, Benno, Marne, Cletus, Eugene, Wilfric and the Rev. Paulinus Karlin, OFM, Cap.; and by two sisters, Sister Mary Catherine Karlin, CSA, and Sister Francis Ann Karlin, CSA.

• **Services:** A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 24, 2005, at the St. Francis Home Chapel at 33 Everett St. in Fond du Lac. The Rev. Edward Sippel will preside, with other priests who were former students of Sister Marcella concelebrating. Burial will follow immediately at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery in Fond du Lac.

• **Visitation:** Visitation will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2005, at Nazareth Court, 375 Gillett Street in Fond du Lac, with a prayer service at 4 p.m.