Sister Mary Rita Golias, CSA

Sister Mary Rita Golias, CSA, 89, a resident of Nazareth Court in Fond du Lac, died Saturday, July 30, 2005, at St. Agnes Hospital.

Sister Mary Rita was born Aug. 11, 1915, in Utahville, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Wendell and Mary Elizabeth Poshedly Golias.

Sister professed her vows in the Congregation of St. Agnes on August 15, 1934. Sister Mary Rita taught in elementary and secondary schools in Wisconsin, Kansas, Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York. Sister taught at St. Joseph’s School in Fond du Lac from 1953 to 1959 and at St. Mary’s Springs from 1964 to 1966. After 46 years in the field of education she retired. She continued to share God’s love through a variety of ministries in New York City, Pennsylvania and Indiana. Sister Mary Rita then retired to Nazareth Court in Fond du Lac in 1999.

Survivors include her brothers, Thomas of Altoona, Pennsylvania, Alfred of Parma, Ohio, Bernard (Phyllis) of Hinckley, Ohio, and Wendell of San Antonio, Texas; her sisters, Cecilia (Herman) Kessler of Altoona, Pennsylvania, and Mary Rita Diaz of Altoona, Pennsylvania; many nieces and nephews, including Sister Deborah Golias CSA, of Fond du Lac; and members of the Congregation of St. Agnes, with whom she lived and ministered.

Sister Mary Rita was preceded in death by three brothers, Andrew, Stephen and Msgr. John B. Golias; and two sisters, Ann Barr and Helen Martous.

• **Services**: A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 5, 2005, at St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, in Fond du Lac. The Rev. Marty Carr will be the celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery in Fond du Lac.

• **Visitation**: Visitation will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2005, at Nazareth Court, 375 Gillett St., Fond du Lac, where a prayer service will be held at 4 p.m.