Sister Mary Pfannenstiel, CSA

Sister Mary Pfannenstiel CSA (Virgil), 93, died Friday, July 8, 2005, at St. Francis Home in Fond du Lac.

Sister Mary was born February 11, 1912, in Munjor, Kansas, a daughter of Nicholas and Mary Pfannenstiel. Sister professed her vows in the Congregation of Saint Agnes on August 15, 1934.

Sister Mary ministered in a variety of ways throughout her lifetime. As a young sister she cared for children in orphanages in Baraga and Marquette, Michigan, for eighteen years. For twenty-four years she served her community as a homemaker in Kansas and Wisconsin. In 1973, when others her age might think of retiring, Sister Mary began a new ministry at St. John’s Rest Home in Victoria, Kansas, serving as a nurse aide and sacristan for twelve years after which she volunteered at St. John’s in Hays, Kansas. Sister retired to Nazareth Heights in Fond du Lac in 1990.

Survivors include many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and members of the Congregation of St. Agnes with whom she lived and ministered.

Sister Mary was preceded in death by her brothers, Aegidius, Alex, Alfred, Anthony, and Joseph Pfannenstiel, and by her sisters, Veronica Leiker, Angela Doerfler, Anna Pfannenstiel, and Lidwina Hass.

Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2005, at St. Francis Home Chapel at 33 Everett St. in Fond du Lac. The Rev. Edward Sippel will be the celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery in Fond du Lac.

Visitation: Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2005 at Nazareth Court, 375 Gillett Street in Fond du Lac, where a prayer service will be held at 4:00 p.m.

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