Sister Patricia Younger, CSA

Sister Patricia Younger, CSA, formerly known as Sister Mary Bernard, died May 7, 2014, at St. Francis Home in Fond du Lac, WI.

Patricia Younger was born in Catherine, Kansas, on June 2, 1930, to Jacob Younger and Catherine (Mader) Younger. She was one of twelve children: six boys and six girls. Sister Patricia made profession of vows in the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes on August 15, 1949. Sister received a B.S. in Education from Marian College (University) and an M.A. in Administration with a minor in Guidance and Counseling from Mary Manse College in Toledo, Ohio. Sister ministered as teacher in elementary grades for eighteen years and then as principal for twenty-seven years in Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota, New York, and Kansas. Sister was the Associate Superintendent for the Wichita Diocese in 1987-1988. After retiring from teaching she was the librarian at St. Anne’s School in Wichita for six years. Sister also worked at The Leo House in New York City for ten years, welcoming people and helping them feel cared about. Sister’s last mission was in Bisbee, Arizona. Sister Patricia brought her gifts of music and laughter to every place in which she lived and ministered.

Sister was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers Richard, Albert, James, and Bernard; and her sisters Lucille, Rita, Lietta, and Cathy. She is survived by her sister Nadine Pederson, her brothers Tom Younger and John Younger, and the Sisters of St. Agnes with whom she lived, prayed, and ministered.

Visitation for Sister Patricia Younger will be May 10, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., at Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett St., Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. A prayer service will be held at 11:00 a.m., also at Nazareath Court and Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Patricia will be May 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Father Ken Smits, Capuchin, will be the presider. Burial will be in Victoria, Kansas.

Memorials can be directed to the Sisters of St. Agnes Development Office, 320 County Road K, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54937.

The Sisters of St. Agnes are grateful to the nurses and staff of Nazareth Court and Center/St. Francis Home and the staff of Hospice Hope for their care of Sister Patricia in her last years.

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