

Sister Joan Marie Mark, CSA

Sister Joan Marie Mark, CSA, 87, passed away on Monday, January 9, 2006, at Nazareth Center, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where she was a resident.

Sister Joan Marie was born June 19, 1918, in La Porte County, Indiana, the daughter of John and Apolonia Pizarek Mark.

In 1934, from Michigan City, Indiana, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Agnes and professed her vows on August 15, 1937.

In the autumn of 1937, Sister Joan Marie began her education career, teaching classes to the first grade in Harlem, New York. For 37 years, she taught the first grade in New York, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Indiana, and Illinois. During her vacations from 1965 to 1978, she enjoyed cooking for the young people at Camp Vista.

Sewing blankets and gardening were special interests during her years of retirement. For nearly 20 years, she cared for the garden at the Boyle Apostolic Center in Fond du Lac, sharing the produce with many people.

Sister Joan Marie is survived by a sister and two brothers, a sister-in-law, nieces and nephews, and the members of the Congregation of Saint Agnes with who she lived and ministered.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Services: A Eucharistic liturgy will be offered on Wednesday, January 11, 2006, at 6:15 p.m., in the Saint Francis Chapel, celebrated by Rev. Edward Sippel. The burial will be on Thursday, January 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the Saint Joseph Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until the Mass on Wednesday, January 11, 2006. There will be a prayer service at 4:00 p.m.

