

Sister Margaretta Ehrlich, CSA

Sister Margaretta Ehrlich, CSA, baptized Mary Ehrlich, died peacefully on November 23, 2017, at St. Francis Home with her sister at her side.

Mary was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 13, 1924, to Louis Ehrlich and Henrietta Schuck Ehrlich. She was one of nine children, five boys and four girls.

Having graduated from high school in Muncie, Indiana, in 1942, Mary entered St. Agnes Convent in Fond du Lac. She made profession of vows in the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes as Sister Margaretta on August 15, 1945. Sister Margaretta received a Bachelor in Music Education degree from Alverno College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and a Master in Music degree from Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

Sister's whole life was wrapped in music, as a classroom instructor at the elementary, secondary and college levels; director of choral groups; piano teacher; parish organist; organist and choir director at St. Agnes Convent. Her places of ministry included Evanston, Illinois; Decatur and Fort Wayne, Indiana; West Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Of her 54 years devoted to music education, half were spent in Fond du Lac; Sister taught music at St. Mary's Springs Academy for 5 years and was an instructor of music at Marian College for 22 years. Sister Margaretta understood the power of music to touch the human spirit, cultivated her own musical giftedness, and devoted her life's work to inviting students to value the arts, especially music.

Sister Margaretta was preceded in death by her parents Louis and Henrietta Ehrlich; her brothers Raymond, Leon, Richard and Robert Ehrlich and her sister Marjorie Harty; and also by three sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law.

Sister Margaretta is survived by William Ehrlich, Elizabeth Anderson, and Sister Rose Clare Ehrlich, CSA, and the Sisters of St. Agnes, with whom she lived, prayed and ministered.

Visitation for Sister Margaretta Ehrlich will be on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. A prayer service will take place at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel at Nazareth Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 p.m. on November 28 in St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The presider will be Father Ken Smits, OFM Cap. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery.

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 for their care of Sister Margaretta in her last years.

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

