Sister Mary Catherine Younger, CSA

Sister Mary Catherine Younger, CSA, formerly known as Sister Henrietta, died peacefully on January 18, 2017, at Nazareth Center in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Mary Catherine was born in St. Peter, Kansas, on May 12, 1931, to Leo Younger and Christine Gerber Younger. When Mary Catherine was very young the family moved to Colorado. She considered herself as a Coloradoan. Mary Catherine was one of fourteen children.

Sister Mary Catherine professed vows in the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes on August 15, 1952. She received a Certificate as a Food Service Director from Fontbonne College, Clayton, Missouri, and a Certificate in the Nutritional Care of the Elderly from the University of Wisconsin Science Center. Sister Mary Catherine ministered throughout her life in food services at St. Joseph Orphanage in Baraga, Michigan, and in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, at St. Mary’s Springs Academy, St. Agnes Convent, and Boyle Apostolic Center. Sister delighted many with her flair for creating the beautiful whether she was decorating cakes, designing her own delicate greeting cards, setting a festive table, or preparing attractive dishes for daily meals or special occasions.

Sister Mary Catherine was preceded in death by her parents Leo Younger and Christine Gerber Younger; two infant brothers John Younger and Clarence Younger; her brothers Walter Younger, Henry Younger, Leo Younger and Butchie Younger; her sisters Helen Kreutzer (Dan) and Viola Miller (Bob).

Sister is survived by her sisters Josephine Dreiling, Lambertine Miller, Lucille Peeples (Billy); brothers Clarence Younger (Dian) and Derell Younger (Caroline); sisters-in-law Viola Younger and Theresa Younger; numerous nieces and nephews; and the Sisters of St. Agnes, with whom she lived, prayed and ministered.

A Mass of Christian Burial with the cremains present will be on January 21, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., in St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac, WI. The presider will be Father Ken Smits, Capuchin. Burial will take place at a later date at St. Joseph Springs Cemetery.

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

The Sisters of St. Agnes are grateful to the nurses and staff of Nazareth Center and to the staff of Hospice Hope for their care of Sister Mary Catherine in her last days.

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