

## Sister Rose Kreuzer, CSA

Sister Rose Kreuzer, CSA, formerly Sister M. Joseph Rose, died peacefully on November 29, 2017, at St. Francis Home.

Rose Kreuzer was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on April 24, 1922, to Joseph H. Kreuzer and Rose L. Stromberg Kreuzer. She was one of a family of ten and the only girl. Rose graduated from Messmer High School, Milwaukee. After her mother's early death, Rose held a job and shared the responsibility for raising her brothers.

In 1955 she attended St. Agnes School of Nursing in Fond du Lac and one year later entered St. Agnes Convent in Fond du Lac. She made her profession of vows in the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes on August 15, 1959.



Sister Rose received a BA in Sociology and Business Administration from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and an MSW in Clinical Social Work from St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri. During Sister's first nine years of service in the congregation, she worked in turn as director of purchasing at St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac, and in medical records at St. Clare Hospital in Monroe, Wisconsin. She later was a clinical social worker for three years and director of materials management for six years at St. Agnes Hospital. Sister Rose also was employed at Marian College for seven years as Assistant to the Academic Dean and Assistant to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs. In retirement, Sister Rose used her organizational skills, attention to detail and interest in history while working part-time with special projects and archives at St. Mary's Springs and St. Agnes Hospital. Sister Rose pursued her avocation as an avid and excellent photographer for many years. She particularly enjoyed photographing natural beauty and delighted in creating and sharing her "Roseprints"~greeting cards and framed art designed with her photos.

Sister Rose was preceded in death by her parents Joseph H. and Rose L. Kreuzer, and her brothers Joseph C., George A., Raymond M., William F., Bernard J., Rev. Eugene T., Theodore J., Paul J., and Robert F. Kreuzer.

Sister Rose is survived by her nieces and nephews and the Sisters of St. Agnes, with whom she lived, prayed and ministered.

Visitation for Sister Rose will be December 4, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. A prayer service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Nazareth Center Chapel.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on December 4, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Father Ken Smits, Capuchin, will be the presider. 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, WI 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 Rose in her last years.

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