

Sister Thomas Ann Reynolds, CSA

Sister Thomas Ann Reynolds, CSA, baptized Mary Rita Reynolds, died peacefully on October 21, 2017, at St. Francis Home in Fond du Lac, WI.

Mary Rita was born in Bronx, New York, on September 7, 1922, to Francis Reynolds and Annie Hunter Reynolds. She was one of ten children including seven boys and three girls. Having worked for several years after her graduation from Cathedral High School in Manhattan, she entered St. Agnes Convent, Fond du Lac, in 1949. Sister Thomas Ann made her profession of vows in the Congregation of St. Agnes on August 15, 1951.

She received a BS in Education from Marian College of Fond du Lac and taught in elementary schools for 37 years in Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and New York. After her many years in the classroom, Sister continued in the school setting for eight years, doing office work and helping with physical education for pre-k and kindergarten students. Later, she volunteered at The Leo House in New York City and at St. Columba and Guardian Angel Schools for another eight years.

Sister Thomas Ann had a warm, outgoing personality. She appreciated the humor in life and enjoyed entertaining others in the person of her clown character named STAR. An avid walker, she logged numerous miles while taking in the sights and sounds of the sidewalks of New York.

Sister was preceded in death by her parents Francis and Annie Reynolds; her brothers John, Joseph, James, Thomas, Harry, William, and Francis; and her sister Katherine Reynolds. She is survived by her sister Florence Dwyer and the Sisters of St. Agnes, with whom she lived, prayed and ministered.

Visitation for Sister Thomas Ann will be on October 30, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Nazareth Court and Center, 375 Gillett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, followed by a prayer service at 11:00 a.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 p.m. on October 30, 2017, in St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The presider at the funeral liturgy will be Father Ken Smits, Capuchin. 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 Thomas Ann in her last years. Zacherl Funeral Home is serving the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Agnes.

