Sister Suzanne Flanders, CSA


Suzanne was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on October 28, 1944, to William Flanders and Dorothy Del Marcelle. Her family included three girls and seven boys. She made her profession of vows as Sister Luke in the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes on August 15, 1965. Sister received a B.S. in Education from Marian College of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, an M.A. in Reading from Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa, and an M.A. in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois.

Sister Suzanne was an elementary teacher for 16 years and a principal for five years, serving in Catholic schools in Illinois, Indiana, and New York. After a sabbatical she worked in the Chicago Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools as the coordinator of funded programs. Later she was self-employed as a facilitator consultant for religious congregations. Sister Suzanne also was the co-director of CSA associates from 2002-2004. During 2006-2007 she was co-director of the CSA Office of Vocation Discernment.

Sister Suzanne was preceded in death by her father William Flanders and three brothers James, Joseph, and Anthony.

She is survived by her mother Dorothy Flanders; her sisters Joann (Al) Pepper and Mary (Don) Rotrelk; her brothers John (Pam) Flanders, Charles (Colleen) Flanders, Robert (Cathy) Flanders and Rick (Wendy) Flanders; nieces and nephews; friends; and the Sisters of St. Agnes, with whom she lived, prayed and ministered.

Visitation for Sister Suzanne will be October 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m., at 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 Community Room.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m., October 14, 2014, at St. Francis Home Chapel, 33 Everett Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The presider 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 Suzanne and, in her last weeks, to the staff of Hospice Hope.

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