

Sister Mary Amelia (Wunibald) Goeser, 92

LACROSSE, WI. – Sister Mary W. Amelia Goeser FSPA, 92, died Dec. 7, 1990 at Villa St. Joseph, LaCrosse, WI. She was a member of the Central Region and in the 67th year of her profession. She, as the sixth child in a family of 13, was born July 19, 1898, on a farm near Earling to Joseph and Emelia (Hunstock) Goeser. She was a frail and sickly child, was enrolled in the nearby country school because of the closer distance to home. However when her parents realized she was not making progress that her brothers and sisters were in the Parochial school, she was transferred there. After completing the eighth grade her help was needed at home.

At the age of 17, she left home to following the footsteps of her sisters, (Mary/Sister Cypriana who died in 1913, at age 26 and Catherine/Sr. Cyprian and entered St. Rose Convent. She was received into the Noviciate June 28, 1922 and given the name Sr. Wunibald, the name she was known by during most of her teaching years. In 1968, she returned to her baptismal name and chose Mary as her patron and Dec. 8 as her feast day. June 22, 1924, she was admitted to First Profession of Vows. She completed her secondary education at St. Rose High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Viterbo College in LaCrosse, WI. Her teaching experience included 49 years in the elementary schools staffed by FSPA in Iowa, MT. and WI. In 1972 while on mission at St. Lucas, she suffered a heart attack and then came to live at St. Rose Convent. She suffered a stroke in 1986. Her health continued to fail and she died Dec. 7.

Immediate survivors include one brother, Cyprian of Co. Bluffs; and three sisters, Sr. Martha Goeser FSPA of Griswold; Romana Schwery of Manilla; and Scholastica O'Connell of Laramie, WY. In addition to her parents and sisters, Sr. Cypriana and Sr. Cyprian, Sr. Arilda Goeser FSPA also preceded her in death.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held Dec. 10, 1990, in Mary of the Angels, St. Rose Convent in LaCrosse, WI. Fr. Bernard Kelly was the celebrant. Burial in the Catholic cemetery there.