

## Sister M. Thea Stessman, 85

**Dec. 6, 1906 — May 31, 1992**

**MILWAUKEE, WI.** — Sr. M. Thea Stessman SSSF, was born Dec. 6, 1906, to John and Elizabeth Schneider Stessman. She attended school in Earling and after graduation went to Detroit, MI., and worked as housekeeper for her uncle, Fr. Tony Schneider, for a short time. Later she went to Milwaukee, WI., where she joined the School Sisters of Saint Francis as a nun.

She then became a registered nurse and served at St. Mary's Hill Hospital and Sacred Heart Sanitarium for several years. In 1966 she began work with the Retirement Health Agency for the Sisters. In 1975 she retired, but still lived near the convent and helped at all activities there. She was to celebrate 60 years as a school Sister of St. Francis this June. She died May 31, 1992 at her home, at age 85.

She was preceded in death by eight brothers and one sister. Survivors are two sisters, Veronica Stessman of Earling and Clare Bormann of Bode and one brother, Adolph Stessman of Earling and one sister-in-law, Isabell (Leonard) Stessman of Earling; nieces,



nephews, and other relatives and her 23 year partner whom she lived with Sr. Frances.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph's Convent in Milwaukee, WI., June 2, 1992, with the priest there celebrant and nephew Msgr. Gerald Stessman of Des Moines, concelebrant. Burial was in the Olivet cemetery, June 3, 1992.