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Sister Elaine Schoemann, FSPA, 71

Nov. 7, 1928 - Aug. 19, 2000

LA CROSSE, WI - Sister Elaine Schoemann, Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration was born to Chris and Sophia (Blum) Schoemann Nov. 7, 1928, near Portsmouth. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima in Portsmouth, and attended St. Mary Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Sister Elaine was raised on a farm west of Portsmouth.

Sept. 1, 1946, she entered St. Rose Convent and professed first vows Aug. 12, 1949. Ministering as a homemaker, she served sisters for 23 years in convent homes in Iowa, Washington and Wisconsin. From 1972 to 1983, she was a licensed practical nurse in institutions in Iowa. Sister Elaine concluded her years of ministry by serving as a chaplain at St. John Regional Hospital in Springfield, MO. She retired from St. Rose Convent in 1996, in La Cross, WI, and went to Villa St. Joseph a few months ago. She died Aug. 19, 2000, at Villa St. Joseph in La Cross, WI, at age 71 years, nine months and 12 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Josephine Schoemann, FSPA, in 1994. She is survived by her Franciscan community including her sister, Sister Mary Schoemann, FSPA of El Paso, TX; three brothers, Eugene (Thelma) Schoemann and John Schoemann, all of Portsmouth; and the Rev. Robert Schoemann of Waukee and two other sisters, Grace (Andrew) Pauley of Panama and Ceil (Victor) Langer of Arvada, CO; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Aug. 26, 2000, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Rev. Robert Schoemann celebrant and Rev. Paul Bianchi concelebrant. Burial was in the St. Mary's Cemetery. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.