

## Sister Mary Ruth Wageman, 86

*Sept. 4, 1915 - March 13, 2002*

**CAMPBELLSPORT, WI** – Sister Mary Ruth Wageman was the third child born Sept. 4, 1915, to Charles and Barbara (Schechinger) Wageman on a farm east of Westphalia. She attended St. Boniface Grade & High School taught by the Sisters of St. Francis and graduated from high school there in 1933. During her high school years she loved basketball and tennis. Her love for sports continued even after her vision became poor. When she could no longer recognize the players on TV she still listened and cheered them on.

Two years after high school graduation, she entered the School Sister of St. Francis Convent in Milwaukee, WI. She was then appointed to teach at St. Philomena's School in Chicago, IL and River Grove, IL; St. Peters at Madison, WI; Howell, Stuart, Fordyce and Crofton, NE. After further studies, she trained and directed Religious Education teachers in Boulder and Denver, CO and Lame Deer, MT. From there she worked with the elderly at the New Castle Home in Omaha, NE.

Later on with her experience and ability to speak German she was assigned to work at the Motherhouse in Erlenbad, Germany to work as a nurses aide. In her travels there she had the opportunity to meet many of her mother's cousins, the Schechinger families.

After two years there, she returned to work at the Sisters Retirement Home in Campbellsport, WI, where she later retired until her death March 13, 2002.

Sister Mary Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Barbara Wageman; brothers, Tony, Charles and William; sisters, Katherine, Augusta, Ann Friel and Adeline Altman. She is survived by her sisters, Cecelia Weihs of Des Moines; Agnes (Ed) Goetzinger; Theresa Henscheid of Westphalia and Sister Joan Wageman of Wheat Ridge, CO; brothers, John (Margaret) Wageman of Westphalia; Frank (Esther) Wageman of Omaha; sister-in-law, Rita Wageman of Omaha; Marriette Wageman of Westphalia and brother-in-law, Leo Friel of Omaha; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held March 18, 2002, at St. Joseph's Chapel in Campbellsport, WI with burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

