

In 1968, Sister Thaddelia chose to go back to her baptismal name. She chose to go by the name of Anne Marie. It was also at this time that Sisters could change their religious garb. Using her excellent skill as a seamstress, she began to make all of her beautifully tailored clothes. In 1971, she retired to St. Rose Convent to work as a seamstress and perform other duties.

Sister Anne considered it a great privilege to take part in the day and night adoration hours in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration. To spend an hour in the stillness of the night was like a foretaste of heaven for her. During her last months, she spent many hours of the day praying and sitting in the presence of her Lord in the Chapel. One of her grandnieces said Sister Anne often spoke of the glory of heaven and of her desire to go home to her God.

In 1980, the year of Sister's Golden Jubilee, she was asked to be a Eucharistic minister to the sick and dying at St. Francis Medical Center. She gladly responded and felt it a great privilege to bring Jesus to the patients which she did for ten years. At St. Rose she served as an acolyte and a lector for the liturgies in Maria Angelorum Chapel.

Sister Anne was gentle and kind and was concerned about others. She never missed the evening news. She was especially fond of her family and knew every niece, nephew, cousin and knew all the connections and kept in touch with them. She was like the family historian. She missed Sister Bonfilia very much when she died in 1980. Her sister-in-law, Ida Hageman, niece and grandniece visited with Sister Anne on the day before her death.

An excellent cook, Sister Anne did everything well. She was very determined and didn't give up. This was evidenced as she overcame illness and two severe strokes within the past ten years. It was as though she had "nine lives."

Sister is survived by her Franciscan Community; her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ida (Frank) Hageman; a niece, Sister Mary Boniface Kreiner, FSPA, Idaho Falls, Idaho; and many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 8, at St. Rose Convent. A Prayer Service will be celebrated Sunday evening, September 8, at 7:15 p.m. in Maria Angelorum Chapel.

Reverend Thomas O'Neill, Viterbo College Chaplain, will preside at the Mass of Christian Burial, Monday, September 9, at 10:30 a.m., in Maria Angelorum Chapel. Burial will be in the Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, La Crosse.

Memorials may be sent to Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, 912 Market Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601-4782.