



Sister Mary Dorothy Schmidt, 75, Sister of Mercy of the Holy Cross, died Saturday, June 18, 2011, under the care of the staff at Bell Tower Residence and Asera Care Hospice at Bell Tower Residence, Merrill.

Sister Mary Dorothy was born July 27, 1935, in Cincinnati, daughter of the late Raymond and Gertrude (Elmer) Schmidt. She entered Holy Cross Convent in Merrill on July 16, 1953, and celebrated her First Profession on Jan. 6, 1956. She was in her 55th year of ministry as a Holy Cross Sister.

Sister Mary Dorothy received her Bachelor of Science degree in education from Alverno College and her Master of Arts degree in theology from the University of Ohio-Dayton.

She began her career as an elementary school teacher and later ministered in catechetics. She served at St. John's School, Deer Park, Ohio; St. Clement's Catholic School, Haymarsh, N.D.; St. Mary's in Antigo, and St. Robert's and St. Francis in Merrill. In addition, she worked in parishes in Chelsea, Whittlesey and Westboro; Office of Religious Education in the Diocese of Superior; Office of Education in the Cincinnati Archdiocese; St. Clare of Assisi Parish, Ellesville, Mo., and St. Aloysius Parish in Baton Rouge, La. She was an avid reader and student of spirituality. Prior to her retirement in 2006, Sister Mary was librarian for the Holy Cross Sisters.

Sister Mary is survived by her family of Holy Cross Sisters and Associates; a brother, Roger R. (Barbara) Schmidt, St. Louis; a niece, Deborah Schmidt, and nephew, Roger A. Schmidt, both of the St. Louis area; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a niece, Denice Willie.

The Mass of Resurrection was held on June 23, 2011, in Holy Cross Chapel at Bell Tower Residence, Merrill, with the Rev. Edward F. Powell officiating. Burial of cremated remains will take place at a later date.

Taylor & Stine Funeral Home, Merrill, assisted with the funeral arrangements.