



## Sister Benedicta Berger, SCSC

1921-2019

Sister Benedicta Berger, SCSC, age 97, of Merrill, Wisconsin, died March 31, 2019, under the care of the staff at Bell Tower Residence Assisted Living and Ministry Hospice. Sister Benedicta (Harriet Louise) was born December 24, 1921, to Frederick and Clara (Wolf) Berger in Columbus, Ohio.

She entered Holy Cross Convent in Merrill, Wisconsin, on November 19, 1947, and celebrated her First Profession on July 2, 1949. She was in her 70th year of ministry at the time of her death. Sister received her early education in St. Martin and South Salem, Ohio; Fontbonne College; St. Louis University and Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans.

Her ministries included Catechetical Mission, Mercer, WI; teaching at Our Lady of the Holy Cross High School, Merrill, WI; parish work in Louisiana; dietary aide in Dickinson, North Dakota; Coordinator for the retired sisters in Merrill, WI; volunteer at St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese, IL; Religious Education, Antigo, WI. During her later years Sister Benedicta volunteered at Bell Tower Residence, Merrill, WI, and in the Foster Grandparents Program at Lincoln Hills School, Irma, WI. Prior to joining Holy Cross Convent, Sister Benedicta worked as a riveter in the Curtiss Airplane Factory in Columbus, Ohio.

Sister Benedicta is survived by her family of Holy Cross Sisters and Associates; sister-in-law Carol Berger, Dublin, Ohio; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Robert, Francis and Lee Berger; sisters, Mary Rita Berger, Joanne McMullen, Helen Fadley and Lenora Kuhn.

A Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on Friday, April 5, in Holy Cross Chapel at Bell Tower Residence, Merrill, WI. Burial in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery. Waid Funeral and Cremation Service, Merrill, assisted with arrangements. Special thanks to the Holy Cross Sisters' companions, staff at Bell Tower Residence and Ministry Hospice for the care given Sister Benedicta Berger.

Memorials can be made to the Holy Cross Sisters, 1400 O'Day St., Merrill, WI 54452.