



Sister Dolores Wagner, a Sister of Mercy of the Holy Cross, age 96, died April 26 at Bell Tower Residence Assisted Living in Merrill, Wisconsin.

Betty Jane Louise was born August 12, 1924 in Wallace, Michigan, to Fred and Minerva Wagner. She entered Holy Cross Convent in Merrill, Wisconsin, on February 26, 1948 and professed her vows on January 15, 1951. Sister Dolores was in her 70th year of ministry at the time of her death.

She attended Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Oshkosh, WI, earned a BSN from Marquette University, Milwaukee, and an MSN from the University of Pennsylvania.

Sister was a staff nurse at Holy Cross Hospital, Merrill, WI; St. Joseph's Hospital, Dickinson, ND; St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese, IL; and Director of Nursing Services, Breese, IL. She was a nursing instructor and taught at Kaskaskia College, Centralia, IL; St. Cloud School of Nursing, St. Cloud, MN; the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh; Northeast WI Tech Institute, Green Bay.

Sister was also involved with Literacy Council, Bay Area Genealogical Society and New Community Clinic in Green Bay, WI. She taught English as a second language and volunteered her services at the Free Clinic in Merrill, WI. She also served as sacristan in Holy Cross Chapel, Merrill, WI.

Sister Dolores believed that the most fulfilling aspect of her life was becoming a clinical specialist where she could give better patient care. Some of her greatest satisfactions included: seeing student nurses pass their state boards; teaching English as a second language; and reducing the fear in new expectant mothers.

Her family of Holy Cross Sisters and associates, nieces, nephews and cousins survives Sister Dolores. Preceding her in death were her parents, sisters, Ellen, Joyce, Eleanor, and brother Norman.

A private funeral liturgy for Sister was held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 11am at Waid Funeral Home. Father Jim Bartelme officiated. Burial at the St. Francis Catholic Cemetery.

*Memorials can be designated to the Huss Fund and sent to the Holy Cross Sisters, 1400 O' Day Street, Merrill, WI. 54452. A special thank you to the Holy Cross Sister's Caregivers and Bell Tower Residence Assisted Living staff for their care of Sister Dolores.*

Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill assisted with arrangements.