

MARIAN RESIDENCE

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Dear Sisters, family members, Associates and friends,

Sister Mildred Vogel died quite suddenly at Marian Residence, Alliance, Nebraska, the morning of March 10. One of the nurses went to Sister Mildred's room to coax her to take some juice. Sister suddenly gasped and was gone in minutes.

On October 9, 1997, Sister fell in her room and fractured her right shoulder. From that time on her health gradually failed. She was accustomed to walking miles each day, rosary in hand, so confinement to a wheelchair was difficult for her.

Madeleine Vogel, the daughter of Bernard and Margaret (Schiff) Vogel, was born north of Drake, North Dakota on August 14, 1904. In August, 1924, she entered the Sisters of St. Francis at Stella Niagara, New York. Her novitiate training was prolonged because of an accident which occurred when she was washing windows and fell from the second floor of the convent and injured her spine. After recovering she was forced to wear a back brace but she was able to make vows and began her teaching career in 1928. This year was her 70th year of profession.

Sister Mildred was a dedicated teacher, teaching mostly in elementary schools in the midwest. She taught in New York, Ohio, Montana, North and South Dakota, and Nebraska. During her retirement years she taught in the Adult Education classes and classes for handicapped children in Denver, Colorado. Like many others, she earned a B.A. and an M.A. degree bit by bit, mostly in summer sessions. She loved history and books and for a hobby she made rosaries. She retired to Marian Residence in 1991.

Out of a family of eight, one sister, Kay Hibben, who lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, survives her. A number of nieces and nephews also kept in touch with her.

Mrs. Kay Hibben, and five other family members came from Minnesota, North Dakota, and Colorado for her wake and her funeral. Our pastor, Father Bryan Ernest, and a former pastor, Father Jim Novakowski, offered the Mass on March 14. Knights of Columbus were pallbearers; the parish choir sang. Family members did the readings and took part in the Offertory procession. After the burial the ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society served lunch in our gym, making it possible for all the Sisters to attend.

The family requested that their memorials be used to pay for Sister's headstone. May she rest in peace.

The Sisters at Marian Residence