

Sister Mary Aloise Kevane



Sister Mary Aloise Kevane, 89, of the Order of St. Francis in Clinton died Wednesday, March 22, at Alverno Health Care Facility in Clinton.

A Mass of the Resurrection was held March 24 at the Canticle in Clinton with the Rev. John Stack presiding. Burial was in St. Irenaeus Cemetery in Clinton.

She was born May 28, 1917, in Rembrandt to James Morris and Genevieve Margaret O'Neill Kevane. She was baptized Mary Agnes on June 9, 1917, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. She attended elementary school in Rembrandt and at St. Mary's in Storm Lake from which she graduated in 1935. She entered the congregation of the Sisters of St. Francis at Mount St. Clare Convent in Clinton on June 13, 1935 and received the name Mary Aloise at her reception on April 13, 1936. She made her first profession on June 19, 1938, and her

final profession on June 19, 1941. She graduated from Mount St. Clare College and from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Burlington. She completed the Iowa Board Exam and received her registered nurse license in 1948. She later received her baccalaureate degree and master's degree in nursing education from the University of St. Louis in Missouri. She held a standard elementary teaching certificate and taught in St. Patrick School in Clinton and in Victor, Iowa, and Toluca, Ill. After having taught for six years and completing her university studies, she spent most of her active ministry in health care. She served for ten years at Mercy Hospital in Burlington as director of the school of nursing and as director of pediatrics. She also served at St. Francis Hospital in Grinnell as supervisor of medical and surgical nursing from 1964 to 1969. For two years she was instructor at St. Joseph School of Nursing in Joliet, Ill. She worked for a time at the former Mount Alverno Home for the Aged in Clinton and later at Alverno Health Care Facility. After retiring in 1988, she provided nursing care for the sisters at Mount St. Clare Convent. She moved to the Alverno Health Care Facility in 1995.

She is survived by one brother Donald of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and one sister Dorothy of El Cajon Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother John.