

## **SISTER NICOLA HEIL, 83**

Sister Nicola Heil, OSF, 83, of Holy Family Hall, Dubuque, IA died at 10:05 a.m., Sunday, November 4, 2007. Funeral services were Friday, November 9 in the Mount St. Francis Chapel. Egelhof, Siegert, & Casper Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Bernadine Frances, daughter of the late William and Elizabeth

(Kaufman) Heil, was born October 4, 1924, in Zearing, IA. She was baptized at St. Gabriel Church, Zearing and confirmed at St. Patrick Church, Nevada, IA. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis in Dubuque from St. Patrick Church on September 8, 1940. She was received with the name Sister Nicola in 1941 and made her first profession of vows on August 10, 1943.

Sister ministered as a teacher in the Iowa cities of Temple Hill, Keota, Sioux City, Petersburg, St. Catherine, Mapleton, Remsen, New Vienna, Ossian, and Jesup and in the Illinois cities of Melrose Park and Hazel Crest. She also ministered in Dubuque at Mary of the Angels, Mount St. Francis, and Holy Family Hall.

Sister is survived by her sisters, Sr. Christella, Caroline (Elmer), and Annabelle (Glen); her brothers, Richard (Rosalene), Harold (Irene), Ronald (Cheryl), and William (Priscilla); her brothers-in-law, Clarence and Jim; her sister-in-law, Gwen; and her Franciscan sisters with whom she shared 66 years of her life.

Sister was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Isabelle and Mary Anne; and her brothers, Harlan (Mary Lou), Jerome, and Paul.