

## **Sister Brendan (Marie) Block, 91**

*June 23, 1910 – Feb. 7, 2002*

**EARLING** – Marie Herminia Block, daughter of Herman and Elizabeth (Erbacher) Block, was born June 23, 1910, in Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and attended St. Joseph's Catholic School.

She entered the School Sisters of St. Francis in Milwaukee, WI, and in 1932 was received into the community as Sister Brendan. She went on to receive her teaching degree at Alverno College in Milwaukee, WI. She began her teaching career at St. Catherine's Catholic School in Milwaukee where she taught until 1941. After returning to college for further studies, Sister Brendan taught school in Illinois, Mississippi and Nebraska ending her teaching career at St. Boniface in Westphalia. After retiring from teaching, Sister Brendan assisted in church ministry until 1995 when she moved into Little Flower Haven. 2002 marked the beginning of Sister Brendan's 70<sup>th</sup> year of service as a School Sister of St. Francis. She died Feb. 7, 2002, at Little Flower Haven at age 91 years, seven months and 15 days.

In addition to her parents, Sister Brendan was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Catherine, Ernest, Joe, Laurine, Augusta, Henry, Leonard, John, Mary, August, Herman, Louise and Josephine. Survivors include her nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Feb. 9, 2002, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant, Rev. Michael G. Peters concelebrant and Dennis Lovell Deacon. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Dan Grote, Charlie Schaben, Kevin Coenen, Randy Greer, Allen Schaben and Rodney Block casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.