



Sister Casimira T Benbenek

November 23, 1942 - September 28, 2013

Sister Casimira Benbenek, OSM (Order of Servants of Mary), 70, passed away Sept. 28, 2013, at Avanti Health & Rehabilitation Center in Minocqua, WI., following a long battle with multiple health-related issues. Casimira is survived by her brothers; Henry (Theresa) of Stone Park IL, Charles P. (Diane) of Lake Tomahawk, Eugene (Laura) of Lake Tomahawk, Joseph of Lake Tomahawk and her Servite sisters . She was the loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Casimira was preceded in death by her parents Charles J. and Veronica Benbenek. Casimira was born in Chicago on Nov. 23, 1942 and grew up on a farm in Hazelhurst, WI. Casimira was a 1960 graduate of Lakeland Union High School in Minocqua. She joined the Servants of Mary Convent in Ladysmith, WI in 1960 and professed first vows in 1962. Casimira earned a bachelor's degree from Mount Senario College, Ladysmith, and a master's in pastoral studies from Loyola University, Chicago. She is a graduate of St. Norbert's Theological Institute, DePere, Wis., and she also studied at DePaul University, Chicago; the University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, MN.; and the University of Wisconsin–Superior. Casimira spent 33 years as an elementary school teacher in Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. She ministered as a district instructor for the Archdiocese of Chicago, coordinator of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, director of religious education, and director of Teens Encounter Christ retreats. Casimira served on the boards of the Wisconsin Directors of Religious Education Federation and Teens Encounter Christ and as an officer of the Superior Diocesan Sisters Council.

Sister Casimira was a long time resident of Tomahawk, where she taught at St Mary's Catholic School from 1984 to 1997. After teaching for so many years she moved to Director of Religious Education until she retired in 2003. Sister Casimira was actively involved with volunteering. She especially enjoyed being a bell ringer for the Salvation Army at Christmas time. Casimira's quick smile and warm greetings will surely be missed. A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday October 5, 2013 at 11:30 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Tomahawk, WI. Visitation will be on Friday October 4, 2013 from 4-7 PM at the Bolger Funeral Home-Woodruff Chapel and again one hour before the mass on Saturday at the church. Burial will follow at 4:00 PM at the convent cemetery in Ladysmith, WI. IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, MEMORIALS ARE APPRECIATED TO THE SERVANTS OF MARY (1000 College Ave West, PO Box 389, Ladysmith, WI 54848).

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services - Woodruff Chapel
1212 First Avenue
(mailing address P.O. Box 40, Woodruff WI 54568)
Woodruff, WI 54568
(715) 356-6006
bolgerfuneral@gmail.com
<https://www.bolgerfuneral.com>

Funeral Mass

OCT 5. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's
Tomahwak, WI

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *My prayers to all of you. I remember not only her constant smile and easy laugh but also her great hospitality. She could take an empty cupboard and somehow create a instant feast! Peace to her now as she rests from her years of service to.*

Sr. Marla Clercx

Sr. Marla Clercx - October 07, 2013 at 05:35 AM

SB

“ *We were neighbors for so many years and I have such good memories of your whole family!!! The thing I remember most is that I don't think I EVER saw Cassie without a smile and her laugh was so delightful!! I wish I would have seen this sooner and been able to attend the funeral, but my heart goes out to you, Henry, Charles, Eugene and Joe!!! Blessings to you all!!!*

Sue Bishop

Sue Bishop - October 05, 2013 at 01:50 PM

JM

“ *cassie saved me at an early age we had been neighbors in farms in hazelhurst. cassie was a yr older so when there was to be my first gradeschool dance of mixed attendees , where us guys were to dance with them girls, cassie asked me to save my day. always joyful, was she.*

joe mastalski

joe mastalski - October 04, 2013 at 06:48 PM

NS

“ *Our Sympathy and Condolences to the Family of Sister Casimira. Sister Casimira helped her Mother with baking, etc for our many fund raisers. She also helped us in the food stand on different occasions. Our deepest sympathy for your loss.*

Lake Tomahawk Lioness Club

Nancy Schneider - October 03, 2013 at 04:35 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Bolger Cremation and Funeral Services - October 02, 2013 at 01:15 PM

MH

“ *I was privileged to know Sr. Casmira since 1959 when I was Pastoral Administrator of St. Patrick Church in Minocqua. I introduced her to the OSM Sisters as she was graduating from high school. She subsequently joined the Sisters as a postulant. Since then I would occasionally meet her at Diocesan events. Each time she was happy to tell me of her many ministries. I will offer a Mass for her as she passes into eternity in God's hands. Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Philip Heslin*

Msgr. Philip Heslin - October 01, 2013 at 02:31 PM

MK

“ Dear Family - we are sorry for the heartache you feel at the loss of the sweetest and most gentle woman, your sister and our cousin Cassie. We are confident that she is smiling down on us as she rests in the arms of Jesus. We feel blessed to have had her in our lives and share in her great gift of love. May the peace of Christ console you during this difficult time.

With love, Michele (Benbenek) and Robert Kalaveras

Michele Kalaveras - September 30, 2013 at 08:39 PM

EL

“ Thank you Sister for all your years of service. May God grant you eternal rest.

Elizabeth - September 30, 2013 at 08:34 PM

FL

“ Cas, You are missed! Gene and Joe my condolences! May God lead you to Paradise and may His face always shine on her!!
*With much Love,
Fr. John R. Long*

Fr. John R. Long - September 30, 2013 at 04:31 PM

JR

“ Sister Jude sends her condolences and will always remember her as a most wonderfully cheerful person.

Jude Carrier Rakowski - September 30, 2013 at 09:49 AM

JS

“ Sr. Cas was a true servant of the Lord, quiet in demeanor, sharing her gifts, talents, knowledge, time, and energy in so many ways. Her catechetical ministry went beyond the parishes she served; she was involved in SUMMIT, served on its Board and committees and served on the WDREF Board and many WDREF committees over the years. St. Cas was the first recipient of WDREF's Good and Faithful Servant Award. As we pray for the family and friends of Cas, I know she's looking down on everyone and praying for us.

Joanie McKeown, friend through SUMMIT - September 29, 2013 at 02:54 PM