

Sister Ernestine dies in Wisconsin

Sister M. Ernestine, 77, C.S.A., member of a prominent Adams county family, died Wednesday at the Nazareth Heights home in Fond du Lac, Wis., following an extended illness.

She was born in Adams county March 12, 1891, a daughter of George and Anna Kohne-Geels, and entered the St. Agnes convent at Fond du Lac Oct. 16, 1905, at the age of 14.

She celebrated her golden anniversary as a nun several years ago.

Sr. Ernestine taught school for many years, including New Haven, Monterey, Ind., Houghton, Mich., and Nanty Glo, Pa.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Julius (Gertrude Geels) Brite of Decatur; two brothers, Joseph and John Geels, both of Decatur route 4; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Geels; 34 nieces and nephews; 119 grand-nieces and nephews, and 18 great-grand nieces and nephews. One brother-in-law, a sister-in-law, three nephews and four grand nieces and nephews are deceased.

Funeral services were held at 8 a.m. today at the Nazareth Heights hospital, with burial in the St. Joseph cemetery at Fond du Lac. (2-26-69)

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