

Sister Clare Freeman

Precious Blood Sister Clare Freeman, 93, died Dec. 9, 2002 at the Maria Joseph Living Center, Dayton, Ohio.

Sister Claire was born Dec. 13, 1908 in Lerado, Ohio, the daughter of the late Michael and Elizabeth Parker Freeman. Baptized Clare Catherine, she entered the Sisters of the Precious Blood, June 30, 1945, receiving the name Sister Mary Adelia.

Two sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Sr. Claire began her teaching career in 1937, 13 years before she entered the convent. Her education was in home economics and commercial studies. In Aug., 1948, sister Claire began 24 more years of education ministry in Ohio, teaching at Glandorf High School, St. Joseph High School in Wapakoneta, Russia High School and Marion Local High School, where she taught until her retirement in 1972.

During the first part of her retirement at Maria Stein Convent, Sr. Clare cared for the garden and enjoyed greeting the many guests who came to the Retreat House. Shortly before the Retreat House closed in 1996, she moved to Emma Hall of the Maria Joseph Cae Center, where her health care needs could be met.

The funeral mass for Sr. Clare was held at Salem Heights, Dayton, Dec. 11.