

## **Sister Mary Ruth Will**

Sister Mary Ruth Will, 85, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004 in Maria Joseph Living Care Center, Dayton.

Sr. Mary Ruth was born March 16, 1919 in St. Peter, Ohio, the daughter of the late Lawrence and Teresa Jacobs Will. She is survived by a brother, Luke Will of Fort Recovery and six sisters, Dorothy Sliemers of Lima, Rita Boeckman of Coldwater, Rosella Broering of Maria Stein, Jane Ballweg of Chickasaw, Sister Laura Will CPPS and Sr. Pat Will CPPS, both of Dayton. A sister preceded her in death.

Baptized Ruth Odelia, she entered the Sisters of the Precious Blood, Sept. 3, 1934.

She was formerly known as Sister Mary Alphonsine.

Sr. Mary Ruth spent 47 years in ministry as a primary teacher at schools in Northwest Ohio, including Troy, Glandorf, Ottawa, New Riegel, Versailles and Minster. She was in the Minster Public School System for 27 years, where she became coordinator of the primary grades at St. Augustine School. After her retirement from teaching, she engaged in pastoral ministry especially with the elderly and sick.

In 1994 Sr. Ruth moved to Salem Heights and shortly thereafter broke her ankle, which made it necessary for her permanent residence in Emma Hall, Maria Joseph Living Care Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Salem Heights, Oct. 25. Burial followed in Salem Heights Cemetery.