

Grekowicz IHM, Sr. Gracelia

Sister Gracelia Grekowicz, Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 80, died Monday, May 3, 2004, at Mercy Memorial Hospital. Born on December 2, 1923 in Harbor Beach, she was the daughter of Frank and Lucy (Cook) Grekowicz. She was given the name Marie. She entered the IHM community in 1942, taking the religious name Sister Gracelia. A teacher, she worked for 27 years at St. Mary, Wayne; St. Cecilia and St. Raymond, Detroit; St. Patrick, Carleton; St. Thomas, Ann Arbor; St. Mary, Mount Clemens; St. Michael, Miami, Florida; St. Lawrence, North Miami Beach, Florida; St. Felicitas, Chicago; Holy Cross, Marine City, and Our Lady of Lake Huron, Harbor Beach. From 1971 until 2002, she was involved with various ministries. She drove health care center residents of the Motherhouse; taught for a year and worked with the aging for four years in Arizona; was a support staff member and store manager at Immaculate Heart of Mary High School, Westchester, Illinois, and assisted for four years with the outreach program at St. Rose Senior Center, Detroit. She was actively retired at the Motherhouse until her death. Sister Gracelia attended Eccles Elementary School and Our Lady of Lake Huron High School, Harbor Beach. She earned a bachelor's degree from Marygrove College, Detroit, and a master's degree from the University of Detroit. Surviving are a brother, William; and three sisters, Aileen Graff, Margaret Fain, and Georgene Gorzen. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack and Joseph; and four sisters, Theresa (Sister Marie Arnold, IHM), Esther McLean, Ellen Young and Mildred Smith. Memorials may be made to the IHM retirement fund, 610 W. Elm Avenue, Monroe, Michigan 48162.