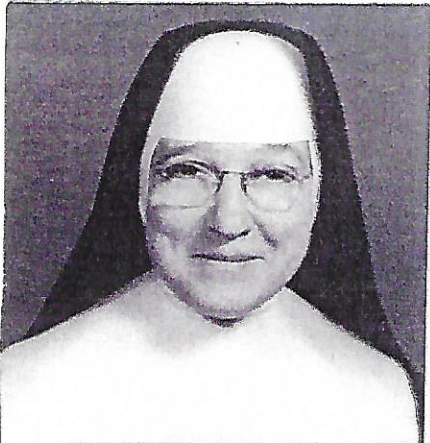


Sister M. Louise Shap

December 9, 1912 - April 29, 2005



Secular Name: Bernice Elizabeth
Entrance: September 8, 1935
Place of Birth: Chicago, Illinois
Parents: Vincent & Petrone Shapkauski
Siblings: Vincent, William, John, Anthony
Adelle and Helen

Elementary School: Holy Cross School, Chicago IL

High School: St. Mary's & Lindbloom, Chicago
Higher Education: Aquinas College, Grand Rapids MI
Duquesne University, Pgh PA
Degrees: Bachelor in Bus. Ed; Master in
Education

Ministry:

From her formative years, Bernice felt the call to a religious vocation. After many years of prayer searching, she entered the Community of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God in 1935 at the age of 22. Her teaching ministry in secondary schools embraced the span of 46 years. Through her countless business education workshops and computer science workshops, she constantly updated her teaching methods and continued to advance in the new technological field of the business world.

Although most of her teaching assignments were in the field of business subjects, she also taught Religion, English and Algebra in various mission schools. In 1983 she began her second career as community General Secretary, where she put into practice the secretarial skills and human relations principles she had taught to future secretaries for years. From 1988 she shared her skills in the Development Office, continuing to work there even though she was supposedly "retired. "

All most up until the time she returned to the Lord, Sister Louise continued to share her gifts and talents with all of those who sought her capable assistance. To quote her autobiography "The exchange of earthly life for a new eternal life is a heavenly bargain." Sister Louise has attained the eternal life she looked to as a joyful event.

*"My life is but weaving between my God and me.
He chooses all the colors, and weaves on merrily."*
(Author Unknown)