

Obituaries

Sister Clarissa Kress

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Sister Clarissa Kress, SSJ, on Saturday, Nov. 21. Her cousin, Father Robert L. Kress, concelebrated the Mass in the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse. Joining Father Kress in the rites were Monsignor William H. Shannon and Father Peter T. Bayer.

Sister Kress died November 18, 1987, in the St. Joseph Convent Infirmary. She was 97 years old.

A native Rochesterian, Sister Kress graduated from Nazareth Academy. She became the first woman religious to attend Emerson College, Boston, earning bachelor's and master's degrees from that institution. While attending Emerson, she met and developed a friendship with Cardinal Cushing of Boston. She attended each of the ceremonies honoring him as he was elevated to various levels of church hierarchy.

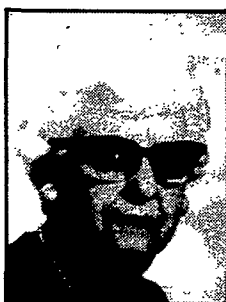
Sister Kress spent her entire 58-year teaching career at Nazareth Academy. From 1911 to 1969, she taught such courses as acting, direction of plays, monologue recitation, poetry, conversation and news broadcasting.

An alert and responsive listener, Sister Kress enjoyed conversations. She was known for her recitations of monologues, poetry and parts of plays. She was a gentle, loyal, sensitive, kind and lovable woman.

Sister Kress is survived by one sister, Irene Kress; a niece, Leone Branch; and cousins.

Memorial Mass planned for Elmira woman

A memorial Mass for former Elmira resident Rose C. Kennedy was celebrated Saturday, Nov. 21, at St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira. Celebrants for the Mass were long-time family friend Father Fidelis E. Fosselman, OCD, the pastor of St. Peter and Paul, and Father Daniel Holland, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira.



An accomplished pianist, Mrs. Kennedy had studied at Elmira College early in the century. She had served as a church organist at St. Peter and Paul, and later at churches in New York City and Greenville, Maine.

Mrs. Kennedy, 97, recently had lived in Farmington, Maine. She was the widow of Clarence H. Kennedy, who died in 1941. She was also predeceased by two sons, John Carroll and William. She is survived by four daughters — Mary Claire Gegan, San Francisco; Sister Mary Sienna, SMSM, Lexington, Mass.; Sister

Joseph Kennedy, SSJ, Rochester; and Rosemary K. Poulson, Farmington, Maine — 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A second memorial Mass is planned for Mrs. Kennedy's Rochester-area relatives and friends. It will take place on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 4 p.m. at St. Joseph's Convent and Infirmary, 4095 East Ave. The liturgy will be a Mass of anticipation.

Madrigalia to present concert

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