



Sr. Suzanne Cote

July 9, 1914 - February 8, 2009

Sister Suzanne Cote, C.N.D. (Mother St. Irene of the Angels), 94, of Kankakee, died Feb. 8, 2009, at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, with a 3 p.m. wake service, at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Burial will be in Maternity BVM Cemetery, Bourbonnais. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Congregation of Notre Dame. Born in Kankakee, July 9, 1914, she was one of seven children of Joseph and Agnes Drolet Cote. She attended St. Rose School and St. Joseph Seminary, graduating in 1931. After one year at St. Viator College, she joined her sister, Jeannette, in the novitiate of the Congregation of Notre Dame in Montreal and pronounced her vows on Aug. 28, 1934. Profession of her final vows was Aug. 10, 1940. Her first assignment in 1934 was at St. Louis Academy, Chicago, for nine years. She then served at St. Joseph Seminary, Kankakee, for three years. After a year in Waterbury, Conn., she returned to St. Joseph Seminary and served as principal until the school closed in 1964. Her contribution to the Kankakee community was more than a teacher and administrator. She was one of the leaders in the county human relations conference held each year for high school students and was also a leader on the national level of the Young Christian Students. In the sports field she was the prime booster of girls' tennis in the community. Her teaching career continued at Stamford Catholic High School in Connecticut; Central Catholic in Vermont; and St. Mary's in

Rhode Island. When the CND schools closed in St. Alban's, Vermont, Sister returned there as Coordinator of Religious Education, serving five parishes and several missions in local and outlying areas. Returning to Kankakee in 1980, she taught at Bishop McNamara High School for three years, and then retired from active teaching. Sister attended DePaul University and Loyola University in Chicago, Fordham University in New York, St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind., St. Michael and Trinity colleges in Vermont, and obtained degrees in education, administration, science, and theology. Surviving are niece, Kathy Cote Zuilek and Joe Zuilek of Montgomery, Ill.; nephews, Scott and Denise Cote of Cave Creek, Ariz., Keith and Angela Cote of Wheaton; and special family friend, Pam Walker. She is preceded in death by her parents; and sisters, Albertine Cote (Sister St. Agnes), Jeannette Cote (Sister St. Joseph), Laura Cote, Clotilde Cote Fortier; and brothers, Raoul Cote and Joseph Cote.

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“ Dear Kathy, Scott, Keith and Angela, your spouses, families, the Sisters, CND, and Sisters, SSCM and family friend, Pam Walker,

What a special woman, religious, mover and shaker Mother Saint Irene of the Angels, Suzanne Drolet Cote was! How blest are you that you knew her and loved her as aunt, as mentor, as person who loved life. i ½

Though we offer our smypathy for the loss of such a dynamic woman of your family...secular and religious, we know that her life and influence, special qualities and the directions her lifework took are the core of what will be your celebration, tomorrow at Eucharist and in the words and remembrances of those who eulogize, at the Liturgy and personally, among yourselves.

May she be an inspiration to you beyond her mortal life and may you carry her memory in heart and word.

Sincerely,

One with roots in the old Candian French community, who has known the CNDs since impressionable childhood to the present and is grateful for their gifts.

Elmira Smith Wilkey

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“ Sister St Irene as she was called then, was a unique teacher. She ruled her classes with an iron hand, but could be very funny and caring. She expected you to learn to the best of your ability, and was ther to help if you had problems---all you needed to do was ask

Sorry to hear she's gone###imported-begin##Alma Reid Shrigley###imported-end##

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“ You'll be missed Sister Pete.

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