

July 20, 2005

## **Obit: Sister Ruth Steffes**

- Sister Ruth Steffes, 95, a Sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, died July 17, 2005 at Presentation Convent.
- The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Ruth Steffes was Tuesday, July 19, 2005, in Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Presentation Convent, Aberdeen, SD. A Scriptural Wake Service will be Monday, July 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Father Ben Benzinger, SJ, will be celebrant and homilist.
- Burial was at the Sacred Heart Cemetery with



Spitzer Funeral Home, 320 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in charge of arrangements.

- Helena Christina was born March 17, 1910 in Andover, SD to Louisa (Fessler) and Christian Steffes. She received her elementary education in Andover and went to high school for two years before entering Presentation Convent on August 25, 1932. She made her profession of vows on July 9, 1935. Sister ministered in the schools and hospitals in domestic and food services from 1943-1971. In 1974 she received her CPE certification and worked in Pastoral Care in Miles City MT from 1971 to 1995. Sister Ruth retired in 1995 but still did volunteer work and visiting in the parishes of Miles City. Everyone in the city seemed to know her and love her. Many of the citizens of Miles City compared her to Mother Theresa of Calcutta. She returned to Aberdeen in 2001 where spent her days in prayer and helping with various recycling needs. Sister Ruth will be remembered for her love of life, her dedication to prayer and her service to the poor.
- Sister Ruth is survived by her community family of Presentation Sisters, 4 sisters, and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, 3 sisters and 1 brother. Members of the Aberdeen Knights of Columbus will serve as casket bearers.