

Davison, Clara I. "Clare"

WHITEWATER – Clara I. "Clare" Davison, age 72. the "Florence Nightingale of Whitewater," died Sunday, July 20, 2003, at her home following a brief illness. She was born on May 23, 1931, in Attica, Wis., the daughter of Joseph and Ida (Fuchs) Frehner. She married Malcolm C. "Mac" Davison on May 16, 1953, in Sun Prairie. He preceded her in death on March 6, 1998. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Whitewater, and the parish nurse, she served as a past vice-president and was the current president of the Christian Women, was a member of the Emerson Club, AFS, and was the Badger Boys State nurse for more than 20 years. A natural at her chosen career of nursing, she was born with the gift of caring for others. Fondly remembered as "Mamma D," she dedicated her life to serving others. Many have been blessed with Clara's gift of poetry for more than 40 years. She seemed to be in the "right place at the right time to help," and her comment would always be "God put me here."

She is survived by her children, Kathy (Paul) Colwell of Vail, Colo., Mike (Joyce) Davison of Richmond, Va., and Charlie (Pam) Davison of Milwaukee; AFS son, Leyva Colletti of Mantova, Italy; and four grandchildren, Tranae, Alex, Matthew, and Noah Davison.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, John.

Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, July 25, 2003, at 11 a.m. at ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Whitewater, with the Rev. Tom Suriano officiating.

Burial will be in the Hillside Cemetery in Whitewater. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church on Thursday, July 24, 2003, and after 10 a.m. Friday until the time of services.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting memorials be made to a memorial fund being set up in Clara's name. Olsen Funeral Home in Whitewater is assisting the family with arrangements.