

Sister Bernadette Walters

Sister Bernadette Walters, OSU, 99, of 2300 Central Ave., a retired teacher, catechist and pastoral minister, died of natural causes Thursday at Ursuline Centre.



Walters

Visitation is from 2 p.m. until the vigil service at 7 p.m. Sunday at

Ursuline Centre. Funeral liturgy is 10 a.m. Monday at Ursuline Centre. Burial will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Bertha Walters was born Feb. 23, 1907, to Serafino and Bertha (Bircher) Walters in Terry, Mont. She attended Ursuline Catholic School in Miles City for both elementary and secondary classes.

She entered the Ursuline Novitiate in Great Falls and pronounced her vows in Beacon, N.Y., on Jan. 24, 1927, taking Sister Bernadette as her religious name.

Sr. Bernadette received her BA degree from the College of Great Falls and her MA from the University of San Francisco. With her teaching credentials in California, Idaho and Montana, she taught elementary education in Great Falls, Miles City, Anaconda, Moscow, Idaho, and San Francisco. She also served in the Montana Ursuline Indian Missions of St. Labre's in Ashland, St. Paul's in Hays and St. Ignatius.

After retiring from teaching, Sr. Bernadette became Religious Education Coordinator for St. John's Parish in San Francisco where she led bible study and centering prayer groups. In San Francisco and later in Moscow, Idaho, sister served as Lector and Eucharistic minister in the parish.

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