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A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 27 at Seton Residence in Evansville, Ind., for Sister Mary Lawrence Ryan, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul who taught nursing and served at Marillac College and Marillac Provincial House in St. Louis.

Sister Mary Lawrence died Jan. 24 at Seton Residence in Evansville. She was 93.

Born in Chicago, Sister Mary Lawrence was baptized Mary Agnes Ryan. She completed the nursing program at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis in 1945. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing education and sociology at San Francisco College for Women in San Francisco in 1952 and a master's degree in nursing education administration and guidance from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in 1959.

Sister Mary Lawrence had a long career in nursing and nursing supervision. In San Francisco, she served as a nurse and nurse supervisor at a hospital. From 1959-69, she served as a faculty member at Marillac College in St. Louis. She served as a group leader of young sisters from 1969-72 and the directress of the juniorate from 1972-73 at Marillac Provincial House in St. Louis. In 1973, she went to a hospital in Birmingham, Ala., where she served as a nurse from 1973-86 and then as a patient representative from 1986-88. Sister Mary Lawrence served for a year as a docent at the Shrine for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md., then was sent to Nashville, Tenn., where she ministered as a volunteer at a hospital. In 1995, she retired to Seton Residence in Evansville.

Survivors include four brothers, Tony Ryan and Bill Ryan of Lombard, III., Father Steven Ryan, OSM, of Portland, Ore. and Jack Ryan of Union, III.; and three sisters, Peg Ryan of Berwyn, III., Noreen Hoffman of Lombard, III., and Jeanne O'Connor of Dundee, III. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery in Evansville.

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