



Sister M. Adrian Davis , LCM, Ph.D.

May 26, 2012

Sister M. Adrian Davis, L.C.M., Ph.D., Board Chairperson of Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper since 1999, passed away Saturday, May 26 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville, Indiana. She was born January 19, 1935 in Davenport, Iowa to Harold Alpha and Cecelia Ann (Baranski) Davis. She is survived by her religious community, Little Company of Mary Sisters, and her sister, Judith Bradley, Lexington, Kentucky, as well as nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Robert Davis. She entered the Little Company of Mary Sisters in Evergreen Park, Illinois on June 8, 1953. Her profession of temporary vows was held on April 28, 1956 and her final vows were made on August 15, 1960. Sister M. Adrian served on many international LCM congregational and provincial committees and commissions. She was currently serving as a provincial councilor on the LCM American Province Leadership Team. Sister M. Adrian received her nursing diploma in 1959 from the Little Company of Mary Hospital School of Nursing in Evergreen Park, Illinois, and received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1964 from DePaul University in Chicago. She received a Master of Science degree in Social Work from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1970. In 1983, she received her Ph.D. in Social Work with a concentration in Health Care Organizational Development, Health Care Planning, and Health Care Delivery Systems from University of Illinois in Chicago. Sister M. Adrian began her professional career in 1959 as Head Nurse of the Newborn Nursery at Little Company of Mary Hospital in

Evergreen Park, becoming Supervisor of Pediatrics in 1965 and Supervisor of the Obstetrics/Gynecology Department in 1966. From 1970–1972, she served as Instructor of Medical Social Work at Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine in Chicago. She served as Director of the Department of Patient and Family Counseling at Little Company of Mary Hospital from 1972–1983. She was instrumental in developing the first hospice program at Little Company of Mary Hospital and served as Department Director in 1983. She became Vice President of Mercy Health Services North in Grayling, Michigan in 1984. It was in 1992 that Sr. M. Adrian became President and Chief Executive Officer at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, and began serving as Board Chairperson in 1999. Her corporate appointments include the Boards of Directors of Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park (1975–1984); Little Company of Mary Health Facility in San Pierre, Indiana (President and Chairperson 1981–1984); Barrett Foundation in Jasper (1981–1984); Corporate Board of the American Province of LCM Sisters in Evergreen Park (1980-1986); Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper (1992-present, serving as Chairperson since 1999); Health Care Services Corporation in Evansville (1993-2008, serving as Chairperson alternate years); Providence Saint Joseph / Holy Cross Board, San Fernando Valley Service Area, California (2000-2005); Providence Health and Services System, Seattle, Washington (2005-present). Sr. M. Adrian also served on various committees of the Indiana Hospital and Health Association beginning in 1993 including the Board of Directors (1996-1997). Locally, she served on the Domestic and Sexual Violence Advisory Committee (1995-1999); Jasper Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (1996-1997); and Dubois County Community Foundation's Long-Range Planning Committee (1997-present). Sr. M. Adrian had many career accomplishments, and Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center is a lasting legacy of her passion to bring the healing ministry of Jesus to the people of the Dubois County region. She was very generous with her gifts, and many families have benefited from her skills with needle and thread, as she had special expertise in sewing heirloom Baptismal

gowns and dresses for First Communion and other special occasions. Funeral services for Sister M. Adrian Davis will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 2 in St. Joseph Catholic Church with burial to follow in the Little Company of Mary Cemetery Plot in St. Joseph Cemetery in Jasper. Friends may call from Noon to 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 1 at Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper. A prayer vigil will be held at 7:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sister M. Adrian Davis Endowment Fund for the Underinsured and Mission-Based Services with Memorial Hospital Foundation, or to the LCM Sisters Retirement Fund with the American Province Little Company of Mary.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sister M. Adrian Davis , LCM, Ph.D.*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Heaven has another angel!*

Darcy Little - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *God Bless you and keep you Sr. Adrian. You will truly be missed.*

Katherine Aylor - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *It was my privilege to share with Sister Adrian on the Board of Members for Providence Health & Services, which includes Little Company of Mary facilities in in California. My consistent experience was admiration for her dedication, clarity of purpose, intelligence, compassion and sense of humor in carrying out our responsibilities. She became a real friend and spiritual sister to me, as she was to many. I know that Sister Adrian will be missed by many people,including me. I believe that she is at peace with God; and I pray for and with all who grieve for her.*

Sister Margaret Botch, SP - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear about Sr. Adrain. I truly enjoyed her smile, and out look on life. She will be truly missed.*

Gayle parks - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ SR ADRIAN WILL BE MISSED GREATLY. NO MATTER WHAT TIME OF DAY I WOULD CROSS PATHS OR AT WHAT EVENT I WOULD CROSS HER PATH SHE ALWAYS HAD A CHEERY REPLY FOR ME AND ALWAYS CALLED ME BY NAME, SHE WAS JOY TO BE AROUND AND TO WORK WITH. I WILL MISS HER SMILE AND CARING ATTITUDE. SHE MADE ME PROUD TO BE PART OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND BEING A PART OF IT'S NURSE FAMILY. SHE WAS A LIT CANDLE WHEREVER SHE WENT. WILL SEE HER AT GODS RIGHT HAND IN HEAVEN. THANKS SR ADRIAN FOR ALWAYS BEING MY SHINING STAR. I WILL MISS YOU!

EDITH NUGENT RN - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ We will greatly miss Sr Adian. She has been in constant support of each area of the hospital and such a postive influence. I enjoyed the times when we were planning sixth floor and were picking out carpet, pictures, and furnishings. She had such style consciousness. She always had a friendly hello and a smile for me as we passed in the hall. So sorry for your loss.

Carole Alsman - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ God bless you, Sr Adrian. Memorial Hospital hallways will not be the same without you, but your spirit will live on in us and our healing ministry "To Be for Others"!

Elaine Schitter - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ A true leader in every sense of the word, Sr. Adrian was passionately meticulous about anything that had to do with either Memorial Hospital, Memorial Hospital Foundation, or any Board on which she served. Her leadership, wisdom, guidance, and friendship will long be remembered. God Bless and Keep you, Sister Adrian. You will always be in our hearts.

Michael A. Jones - May 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Burning the candle at both ends did provide light for so many. The wick ran out much too early. She was a joy to work with. Her intellectual acumen was neatly balanced by her commitment to Mission, both hers and her beloved Memorial.

Gayle Uebelhor - May 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM