



Kathryn Saviage, S.D.S.

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>October 13, 1943</i>
<i>Date of Commitment</i>	<i>June 9, 1995</i>
<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>May 9, 1998</i>

Kathryn Ann Seidl was one of seven children born to Isadore Lawrence Seidl and Anna Katherine Reinert. She was born in Hewitt, Wisconsin, just outside of Marshfield. She was a long time resident of Wisconsin before moving to California in the early 90's. She graduated from St. John's grade school, Columbus High School and St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Marshfield and became a Licensed Vocational Nurse working in the Milwaukee and Madison areas. She met and married Tom Saviage in 1965.

Kay was a longtime employee of the Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield. She was very active throughout her life in several organizations including charities, schools, children's sports, church groups, and amateur boxing. These activities supported her deep love for her three sons. In Marshfield, she was elected to the Board at Columbus High School, as well as doing extensive work with the Ronald McDonald House. She was one of the first female judges for the U.S. Boxing Association and was actively involved with the sport in the 1980's. She judged the fights of some amateurs who would become contenders and champions later in their careers. She enjoyed paying cribbage, Bunko, and following the Green Bay Packers. The games allowed her to charge her batteries for the care giving work ahead and to be with people she loved.

In California, Kay held several health care related jobs, most notably with Nurses House Call in Fair Oaks. Kay was devoutly involved with Divine Savior Catholic Church in Orangevale. Her brother, Rev. Neil Seidl, S.D.S. was the Associate Pastor and encouraged her to move to the area. It was here that she made her commitment as a Lay Salvatorian in 1995. She applied her deep compassion to all those she ministered to as Nurse, Minister of the Word, Music, and Eucharist, Pastoral Care to Homebound and friend. She was always able to say yes to those who needed her help. Her nursing ministry took on a new passion transformed by her work with the Salvatorians: attending and helping facilitate several retreats, workshops and their National Assembly. She was inspired to start a Sacramento branch of The Fr. Francis Jordan Project, a ministry of warm blankets and food for the homeless. She often spoke to her associates of her vision while driving to help at a local food bank, inspiring many with her sincere compassion for the homeless. She was also seeking to assist the Salvatorians at one of their missions in Africa. Both dreams were put on hold when she became aware of her illness, eventually diagnosed as Leukemia. It was often noted that she modeled well the charisms of the Salvatorian Founder, Fr. Francis Jordan, especially her zeal for God, zeal for mission, constant prayer, spreading and living the Gospel virtues of obedience, poverty and chastity.

A brave and proud mother of three sons, she is survived by them and their families: Michael, his wife, Leslie, and granddaughter Alyssa; David, his wife, Amy and grandson Jack; and Bill.. Her husband, Tom preceded her in death.

Kay was able to plan her memorial service and involved many of her family, church family and Salvatorian family in the celebration of her life. She wanted all to know the service was to assure them of her love for them and that she was with God.