



## **Sister Marie Michelle Peartree – 75 Years**

Sister Marie Michelle Peartree joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph from Sacred Heart Parish after graduating from Nazareth Academy in 1942.

“When I entered the Congregation, I had hoped to become a nurse, but instead became a teacher.” Sister Marie Michelle taught at St. Patrick, Corning; Blessed Sacrament, Rochester; St. Mary, Auburn; St. James, Waverly; and St. John the Evangelist, Greece.

In 1962, the Congregation sent Sister to St. Louis University for a degree in hospital administration. Upon her return two years later, she was asked to go to St. Ann’s Home as administrator.

“I loved teaching children – seeing them grow mentally,” said Sister Marie Michelle. “However, 33 years providing for the needs of older persons and the staff who served them were very fulfilling, challenging and rewarding.”

She also notes that her life in community is a blessing and a life-giving experience. “Each Sister’s presence and example has enriched and added something special to my life. For 75 years I am deeply grateful to God and to all who have touched my life and to all who have allowed me to touch their lives.”