

OBITUARY

Sister Winifred Lorentz

COTTONWOOD — Benedictine Sister Winifred (Rosanna) Lorentz, 94, died March 19 at St. Gertrude Monastery.

Born July 3, 1915, in Cottonwood to Jacob and Susan (Lies) Lorentz, she began piano lessons early in life and quickly displayed a gift for playing by ear, while attending St. Gertrude Academy. She entered the monastery in 1931 and professed vows on Aug. 16, 1933. In 1939, she began teaching piano and accordion, directing the choir and playing the organ at Mass at Holy Cross Church, Keuterville. For many years, she was the community's main chauffeur and provided in-home care to elderly friends of the community.

She also played piano regularly at the Grangeville Care Center, 1985-1999, and was honored by the facility in 1997 for her service.

Confined to a wheelchair since 2002, she continued to participate in prayer and Mass in the monastery chapel daily. She celebrated her 70th jubilee in 2003.

Sister Lorentz is survived by a brother, Ray, of Lewiston, brother-in-law Clifton Smith of Grangeville and numerous nieces and nephews.

A vigil service was held in the monastery chapel March 23, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial the next day. Burial was in the monastery cemetery.



AWARD-WINNING SPEAKERS — Winners of the Fourth Annual "St. Paul at the Areopagus" All-Catholic Schools District Speech Competition are, from left, first place, Luke Shirley, St. Joseph School, Boise; second place, Anson Lunstrum, St. Paul School; and third place, Emily Fritchman, St. Mary School, Boise. (ICR photo courtesy of St. Paul Parish)

Winners crowned in speech contest

NAMPA — Seven Catholic schools and 13 students recently competed in the Fourth Annual "St. Paul at the Areopagus" All-Catholic Schools District Speech Competition.

The event is sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America, a national provider of fraternal financial services, and hosted by St. Paul Parish. The topic of this year's competition was, "If I Were President."

Winners were as follows: first place, Luke Shirley, St. Joseph School, Boise; second place, Anson Lunstrum, St. Paul School; and third place, Emily Fritchman, St. Mary School, Boise.

Each winner received an icon of St. Paul, a 2010 Speech Contest trophy and a monetary award. The first place winner's school, St. Joseph's, received a District Champions trophy.

Catholic schools from Boise, Grangeville, Idaho Falls, Ontario (Ore.) and Nampa competed in this year's competition. All participants were chosen through the speech criterion of their local schools.

School speech contests are one of six free Youth Educational Programs sponsored nationwide by the Modern Woodmen of America. More than 100,000 students compete each year.



ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC WOMEN GATHER — Mercy Sister Rose Mary Boessen, executive director of La Posada Ministry in Twin Falls and 2009 recipient of the national Lumen Christi award, spoke at the Women's Champagne Brunch Feb. 20 at St. Nicholas Parish, Rupert. The event was sponsored by St. Nicholas Catholic Women. Above, unit President Janine McManus spends time with the guest of honor. (ICR photo courtesy of Lorraine Apple, St. Nicholas Catholic Women)

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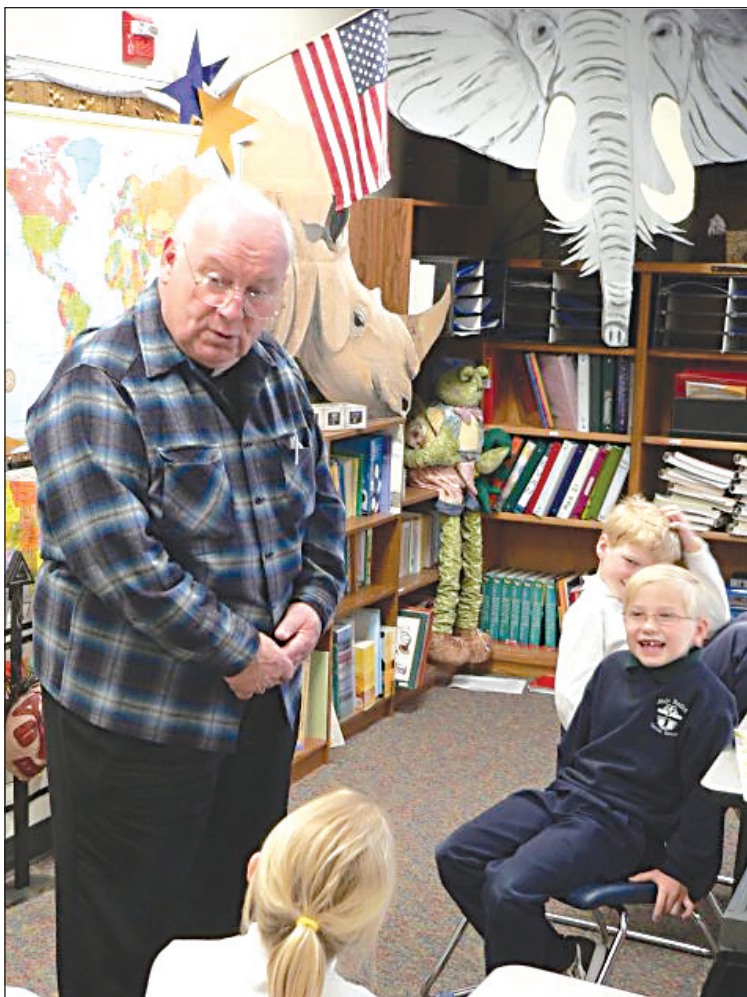
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