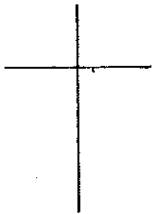


January 2, 1998

“The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!”
(from the Liturgy of New Year’s Day)

Dear Sisters,

On the first day of the New Year, our good and gracious God bestowed upon our dear Sister M. Clarice His eternal peace.



Sister M. Clarice - Hildegard T. Binder
Born: August 25, 1914 in Coplay, PA
First Profession: February 2, 1943
Died: January 1, 1998 in Reading, PA

Before coming to St. Michael’s as a candidate in 1940, Sister Clarice was employed as a domestic worker. Sister often told stories of these early years and of the difficulties she experienced in following her vocation.

From the time of her first profession until 1975, Sister Clarice served the congregation and God’s people as a housekeeper and cook. Her places of ministry included Villa St. Elizabeth, Reading; the seminary in Geneva, Ohio; the parish convents in Reading, Philadelphia, and Palmerton, as well as Lebanon, Illinois. From 1975 until 1991 when Sister had to move to our Health Care Center, she participated in the general work of St. Michael’s as far as her health permitted.

Sister Clarice will be remembered as a woman who loved nature and had a passionate desire to preserve it. In her later years, Sister was often seen walking our grounds on the hottest day of summer and the coldest day of winter, pulling a weed here or picking up a twig there.

Educational reading was also one of her favorite pastimes. Sister was very interested and well versed in current affairs.

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Some months ago Sister Clarice broke her hip. Her confinement to bed and a wheelchair were very difficult for her. On December 29, Sister took a decided turn for the worst and was anointed. From that time until her death New Year's evening, she was very peaceful. As she waited for the coming of her bridegroom, Sister Clarice was accompanied by the prayerful vigil of her sisters.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Sister Clarice on Monday, January 5, 1998 at 3:30 p.m. We will then bring her to rest in our convent cemetery.

United in the love of Our Lord,

Sister Marie Clark, nsc