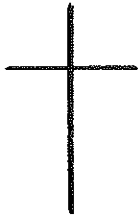


January 7, 1998

“Sing joyfully to the Lord.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful song.”
(Responsorial Psalm - January 5)

Dear Sisters,

On the feast day of St. John Neumann, missionary to the United States, our dear Sister Linda was called to enter God's court with gladness and joy.



Sister M. Linda - Marianne Prinz
Born: November 26, 1919 in Gelsenkirchen-Buer, Germany
First Profession: August 16, 1941
Died: January 5, 1998 in Reading, PA

Sister Linda entered our congregation as an aspirant in 1934. Five years after her final profession in Germany, Sister was missioned to the United States.

A few months after her arrival on May 15, 1951, Sister Linda entered the Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Allentown, PA. After graduation she was sent to the University of St. Louis and then to Dayton University. Upon completion of her studies, Sister became supervisor of Nursing Service at Sacred Heart. She held this position for nine years before returning to studies at Catholic University in Washington, DC.

During the next twenty years, Sister Linda distinguished herself as a capable Director of Nursing Service and Vice President in our Allentown and Norristown hospitals. She is remembered and respected by many for her great professional abilities. The sisters with whom she lived and those whom she served in the capacity of local superior recall with fondness her great generosity, caring, and understanding.

In 1987, Sister's life took a far different direction as Alzheimer's Disease began its relentless attack upon her mind and body. When Linda was first diagnosed, she read extensively on this

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topic. Her keen mind succumbed slowly to its destructive power. In her first years as a patient in Holy Family Center, Sister Linda could often be seen sitting quietly beside the bedside of a very sick or dying sister. She was, as long as possible, the outstanding nurse and caregiver we had known for so many years.

Music delighted Sister Linda to the end. She joined readily in a song to Mary and this seemed to quiet her spirit. About ten days before her death, Sister took a turn for the worst and was anointed. During the early afternoon hours of January 5, Sister Linda was called home by the Lord whom she loved and in whom she placed her trust.

On Thursday, January 8, 1997, at 3:30 p.m, the Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for our dear departed sister. Afterwards, she will be laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

Yours in the Heart of Jesus,

Sister Marie Clark, M.S.C.