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"May we burn with love for your Kingdom and let our
light shine before men."
(Prayer after Communion--Today's Liturgy)

Dear Sisters,

Daily, Sr. Aloysia made every effort to live the above words. Each day she would say, "If the Lord comes today, I am ready." This morning at approximately 4:00 a.m. He did come for her.

Sister M. Aloysia, MSC (Apronia)
Anna Kehrbaum
Born: June 9, 1900 in Springhorn, West Germany
First Profession: August 26, 1924
Died: August 27, 1980 in Reading, Pa.

Sister Aloysia entered our community in February, 1923. Six months later she came to the United States as a postulant.

For forty-eight years, Sister worked in the dietary and domestic areas in St. John's, Allentown, St. Joseph's Health Resort in Wedron, Sacred Heart Home, Coopersburg, and Villa St. Elizabeth, Reading, and also in MSC and diocesan seminaries in Cincinnati, Columbus, and Geneva.

In her many years of service, Sister always manifested a beautiful concern for others. Whether in her active ministry or during her years of retirement and illness, Sister was known for her enthusiasm and cheerfulness.

Since 1974 she has been at the motherhouse. For many years Sister suffered from rheumatoid arthritis. In spite of this, she was determined to "keep on going" as she expressed it. One of her little chores was to clean the cloister leading to chapel. She dubbed it "The King's Highway." How often she shared with us who passed along this "highway" a beautiful thought for the day. Truly she was a shining light for all of us!

Last March, Sister spent several weeks in the hospital. At that time, the doctors diagnosed her condition to be cancer of the stomach which metastasized to the lungs. The doctors who treated her were very impressed by her cheerful disposition and beautiful spirit of resignation. There was something so special about her that nurses who were not caring for her directly would come to her room just to experience this extraordinary spirit of joy that surrounded her.

Although she will be missed by all who knew and loved her, we can be assured that her prayers, loving concern, and interest for all of us will continue.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered on Friday, August 29th at 4:00 pm after which she will be buried in the convent cemetery.

In Christ's love,

Sister M. Philip, M.S.C.