

July 18, 1996

"My soul yearns for you in the night,
yes, my spirit within me keeps vigil for you."
(1st Reading for the 15th Week)

Dear Sisters,

The Lord answered Sister Amanda's yearning for Him this morning around 5:45 a.m. He invited her to come to Him, for her life these past few months had become burdensome. She now experiences His refreshment.



Sister M. Amanda - Anna Repko
Born: October 7, 1908 in Lansford, PA
First Profession: August 26, 1928
Died: July 18, 1996 in Reading, PA

Sister Amanda was born in Lansford in the very year when our first sisters arrived there from Germany to begin teaching in St. Michael's parish school. Her acquaintance with our sisters fostered her call to the religious life.

Sister began teaching immediately upon leaving the novitiate and continued in the educational ministry for 59 consecutive years. She was very gifted both as teacher and principal, relating well to faculty and students. She always looked for the good of her pupils, considerate of their needs. The faculty, too, found her a supportive and kind person.

Her thoughtfulness of others was also reflected in her life in community. She was ready to listen, very friendly, and sought ways to bring joy to others.

In 1988, Sister Amanda retired to St. Michael's where she served the sisters in a variety of simple ways. This past year she began to decline physically and found it necessary to join the healthcare unit in Holy Family Center. When the doctor told her that she had about three to six months to live, she talked freely and openly

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about it. Actually, it was three weeks more that she lived after receiving the diagnosis of terminal cancer.

When she was asked whether she wanted to receive the anointing, she replied, "Oh, yes." After the anointing, another sister said to her, "Sister, you just received the Sacrament of the Sick." She replied, "But I'm not 'sick', I'm dying and I want to go home to heaven." She was ready to meet God. He had always been the One she sought so earnestly.

We are grateful to Sister Amanda for her almost 70 years of professed life which she gave in service to the Church and to the community.

On Monday, July 22, 1996, at 3:30 p.m., we will celebrate the Mass of Resurrection for her, after which she will be laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

Yours in the Heart of Jesus,

Sister Teresita, MSC