

February 21, 1990

"Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope its power to endure...In the end there are three things that last: faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love."

(I Cor. 13:4-7;13)

Dear Sisters,

I chose the above scripture quote, for to me it summarizes the life of our dear Sister Anna.



Sister M. Anna (Anatolia) - Mary Buynovsky
Born: October 2, 1911 in Hauto, PA
First Profession: August 26, 1932
Entered into Eternal Life: February 21, 1990

Sister Anna began her ministry as a teacher in Holy Guardian Angels School, Reading in 1933 and from there went to Our Lady of Hungary, Northampton, St. John's, Allentown, Sacred Heart, Palmerton and St. Henry's, Philadelphia. During most of her years in school, she served as principal and superior. Sister had two terms as motherhouse superior and served two years as superior in Norristown. In 1984 Sister Anna had a sabbatical year and from 1985 to 1987 she lived at Villa St. Elizabeth. In 1988 Sister Anna moved to the motherhouse along with the other retired Sisters who had previously lived at the Villa. She became coordinator of one of the small groups in Holy Family Center and continued in this capacity through this past December.

At the end of November, Sister Anna was diagnosed with inoperable cancer. The news was a shock to her and to all of us. However, her whole life was a testimony to the acceptance of God's will and it would be no different now. In the last two months Sister Anna's condition progressed rapidly and she grew steadily weaker. A few days ago Sister was anointed and she said, "I'm all set to go." Today at 11:05 in the morning the Lord whom she served so faithfully and loved so much, came to relieve her of her sufferings.

Sister Anna is one of those people who has made a deep impression on many of us. She touched the lives of almost everyone in the province by her gentleness, kindness, simplicity and her understanding of the needs of others. She was one of the most selfless people anyone could ever know. She always saw the good in others and had a kind word for everyone. In her years as superior, she transformed the motherhouse through her spirit of friendliness and joy. Sister Anna had painful

arthritis for many years but this and other ailments never stopped her from reaching out to others. A great love for God and a great love for others characterized her life.

Needless to say, we will miss Sister Anna in so many ways, but the beautiful memories of her goodness and love will continue to be a grace to us.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered for her on Saturday, February 24, 1990 at 11:00 a.m. The burial in the convent cemetery will follow.

In the love of our Lord,

Sister Marybuna