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"I shall know the fullness of joy when I see your  
face, O Lord,  
Fulfillment and endless peace in your presence."

Dear Sisters,

This evening while some of us were praying the above verse in evening prayer, the Lord took our dear Sister Anna Marie into His presence where she now knows the fullness of joy and endless peace.



Sister Anna Marie (Magnentia)  
Johanna Updarp  
Born: January 18, 1902 in Mussum near  
Bocholt, Germany  
First Profession: September 2, 1931  
Died: July 19, 1983 in Reading, Pa., U.S.A.

Sister Anna Marie came to the United States in 1931. She was active in the domestic apostolate in St. Michael's, Reading, St. Michael's, Lansford, and also at Mt. St. John, Dayton, Ohio.

A simple, humble soul, Sister Anna Marie performed her duties quietly and unobtrusively. It was enough for her to know that where she was and what she was doing was what the Lord wanted of her.

In 1969 Sister came to the Motherhouse to retire. She was rather weak at that time and suffering from arthritis which grew progressively worse until she was admitted to the Infirmary in 1973. During the past ten years her arthritis became more and more crippling until she could not walk or do anything for herself.

Yesterday Sister received the Sacrament of the Sick. When Father came with the Holy Eucharist this morning she was unable to receive, so he blessed her with the Host.

This evening, just after she was bathed and made ready for the night, she slipped away from us as quietly and unobtrusively as she had lived. Now she can sing, "I see your face, O Lord, and I know fulfillment and endless peace in your presence."

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered on Friday, July 22nd, at 10:00 a.m. after which she will be buried in the convent cemetery.

In the love of Our Lord,

*Sister M. Thomasita, M.B.C.*