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"God, our protector, if we can be with you even one day,
it is better than a thousand without You."
(Entrance Psalm, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Dear Sisters,

This morning about 7:20 a.m., Sister Gertrude Marie found how much better it is to be in the presence of God, a presence that will bring the healing and peace for which she longed. Several small strokes over the past few years had left Sister Gertrude Marie unable to use her right hand completely and also made it difficult for her to swallow food. Her health began to fail quite visibly these past few weeks. Perhaps Sister Angelina, who expressed so much concern for Sister Gertrude Marie while she herself was sick, came with the Lord to greet her.



Sister Gertrude Marie (Guntrud) - Therese Willermann
Born: February 12, 1914 in Ahlen, Germany
First Profession: August 15, 1935
Died: August 20, 1995 in Reading, PA

Sister Gertrude Marie came to the United States in 1936, about six months after her first profession. She began her ministry as a teacher, serving at St. Michael's, Lansford and Our Lady of Hungary, Northampton. Most of her ministry, however, was spent as office manager and as administrator. As office manager, Sister served in Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville, and for 29 years in St. Joseph's Health Resort, Wedron, Illinois. Later, she was assistant administrator in Wedron and administrator at the Knights of St. George Home, Wellsburg, West Virginia, and at the Motherhouse. Sister retired to St. Michael's in 1988 and to Holy Family Center in 1991.

Sister celebrated her 60th anniversary of profession this year. Her sister Else and a friend came from Germany in May to celebrate this joyous occasion with her.

Sister Gertrude Marie was a very gifted woman in the area of finance and administration. She gave of herself generously in all

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the various places she served. Sister was very sensitive to people's needs and feelings and always tried to respond to those who approached her. She was sustained by a deep prayer life.

We know that Sister will now enjoy the completeness of life which she so desired. On Tuesday, August 22, 1995, at 3:30 p.m., we will celebrate the Mass of Resurrection for her. After that, she will be laid to rest in our convent cemetery.

United in the Heart of Jesus,

Sister Teresita, MSC