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"When will I come to the end of my pilgrimage  
and enter the presence of God?"  
(Antiphon of the morning Office)

Dear Sisters,

The afternoon of January 20, Sister M. Ludolpha came to the end of her earthly pilgrimage to enter the presence of God. About 3:30 P.M., the nurse was unable to get a pulse or blood pressure on Sister. She was given oxygen but still continued to have difficulty breathing. Then at 3:35 P.M., without a struggle, she breathed her last.



Sister M. Ludolpha Bennink  
Born: September 8, 1897 in Vardingholt,  
Germany  
First Profession: February 3, 1924  
Died: January 20, 1992 in Reading, Pa.

Sister Ludolpha came to the United States in April of 1932. She was assigned to St. Henry's in Philadelphia as homemaker. She continued to serve as homemaker in various places over a period of 48 years. She lovingly cared for the needs of the sisters in school stations in Coaldale, Northampton, Slatington, and Palmer-ton. She also served as homemaker in the larger institutions in Dayton, Cincinnati, Beacon, Geneva, and the motherhouse. Sister retired to St. Michael's in 1980 and joined Holy Family Center in 1987, when she needed more care.

A great cross for Sister Ludolpha was her deafness which made it so difficult for her to communicate. However, in spite of this handicap, she loved to be with the sisters and to come to evening recreation.

Sister Ludolpha was a woman of prayer and a great devotee of Mary. One sister who had lived with her a good number of years said of her, "Sister was a quiet person; so gentle her life, so gentle was her death." May Sister continue to find the joy of a quiet life with Jesus and Mary for whom she lived almost 95 years.

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On Thursday, January 23, at 11:00 A.M., we shall celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection for Sister. She will then be buried in our convent cemetery. We are grateful to Sister Ludolpha for her presence with us and her loving service.

In the Heart of Jesus,

*Sister Genesita, M. S. C.*