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"To You, Yahweh, I lift up my soul, O my God."

Dear Sisters,

This morning, the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, at 1:05 a.m., Sister Mary Ida lifted up her soul to the Lord.



Sister Mary Ida
Margareta Maerz
Born: February 23, 1898
First Profession: February 3, 1929
Died: February 2, 1986

Sister Mary Ida came to the United States in 1930. She was active in the domestic apostolate in Hilltown, Haycock, Palmerton, Slatington, Devon, and St. Michael's, Reading.

A simple, prayerful soul, Sister Mary Ida performed her duties quietly and with much love. Her peace was in knowing that where she was and what she was doing was what the Lord wanted of her.

In 1971 Sister came to the motherhouse to retire. She was suffering from diverticulitis and other ailments. Since then, her health slowly continued to fail. For the past three years Sister has not spoken any words that were understandable except "Mary, my mother", and "Jesus". These words were spoken loudly and very clearly many times a day. Although she was unable to verbally communicate with others, Our Lady and Our Lord were her constant companions.

A few days ago Sister became considerably weaker. She received the Sacrament of the sick, and then rallied for a couple of days until early this morning when she lifted up her soul to the Lord quietly and very peacefully.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered on Tuesday, February 4, 1986 at 3:30 p.m. She will be buried in the convent cemetery.

In the love of Our Lord,

Sister M. Thomasita, M.S.C.