

"Come, let us worship the Lord.  
Let us bow down in the presence of our maker,  
for he is the Lord our God."  
(Entrance Antiphon of Mass)

Dear Sisters,

We just received the message of the death of our dear Sister M. Regine, whom the Lord relieved of all her suffering yesterday, February 10th, 1983, at 1.00 a.m.

Sister M. Regine, m.s.c. - Mary Clare Sediva  
Born: 22. 2. 1936 in Coaldale, Pa.  
1. Profession: 31. 5. 1956  
Died: 10. 2. 1983 at Norristown, USA

Sister Regine was a teacher by profession. She arrived in the missions January 23rd. 1965. Her first place of activity was Lavongai, then Lihir. In 1974 and 75 Sister taught in the OLSH High School, Vunapope, and in 1976 in St. Jude's High School, Mongop. She then replaced the sister-in-charge of the International School, Kavieng. After her second homevisit Sr. Regine took up teaching in the Government High School, Utu, Kavieng.

In October 1981 Sr. Regine came to Vunapope for a medical check-up. Our doctors diagnosed a malignancy and suggested a transfer to the States for the necessary treatment. She underwent surgery and had chemotherapy before returning to PNG. Sister came back beginning of June, full of life and hope and started teaching again in Utu. She could not enjoy being back in her beloved mission for too long. Already in August she got sick again. Because of her severe pain, which we were not able to control here, Sister was transferred to Melbourne, Australia, where another malignancy was discovered. She went back to the States, but there was no cure for her anymore.

Sister M. Regine was an enthusiastic, outgoing, cheerful and hard working missionary. She loved her students and was much loved by them in return. Her fellow teachers appreciated her helpfulness and co-operation. Her untimely death leaves a gap which we will not be able to fill. God's ways are surely not our ways, but we know that all his ways are mercy and love.

Sister M. Regine will be laid to rest in the convent cemetery in Reading. We will celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection here in Vunapope, tomorrow, 12th February, 1983, at 6.00 a.m.

Yours in the love of Christ,

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