

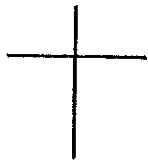
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"The Lord led his people to freedom and they
shouted with joy and gladness, alleluia."
(Saturday of the Octave of Easter)

Dear Sisters,

This morning, about 6:00 a.m., Sister M. Theodefrida could shout for joy and gladness. The Lord finally heard her prayer to lead her to the freedom of eternal life. During the night Sister was very restless, frequently getting out of bed. However, by 5:30 a.m. Sister became quiet; Sister Noreen looked in on her at 6 o'clock to find that Sister had died.



Sister M. Theodefrida, MSC - Anna Weiermann
Born: August 25, 1896 in Darfeld, Germany
First Profession: August 16, 1926
Died: April 25, 1992 in Reading, PA

Sister Theodefrida retired to Holy Family Community in 1980. Her years of active ministry were all spent in health care as a nurse anesthetist, operating room supervisor, and as administrator of Sacred Heart Hospital, Norristown; Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville; and St. Joseph Health Resort in Wedron, Illinois.

Sister was a very kind, simple, and unassuming person. She generously shared her gifts and her time to make it easier for others. Sister was known to be honest and sincere; people always knew where they stood with her. She was also one who gave encouragement to others; such as, student nurses, anesthetists, or interns in the operating room. Sister tried especially to help displaced persons from Europe by giving them employment, furniture, and food until they were able to get established in their new environment.

Sister Maria prayed the rosary with her every day. Even if Sister Theodefrida was confused at times, she always remembered the time for the rosary. She prayed a decade daily for the grace of a quiet, peaceful death. Mary granted her request.

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This past year Sister often talked about death. Physically and mentally her strength was failing. She had said her good-bye to the sisters, thanked them for their love and kindness to her, and asked pardon if she had hurt anyone.

On Tuesday, April 28 at 3:30 p.m., we shall celebrate the Mass of Resurrection for Sister. She will then be buried in our convent cemetery. We are grateful to Sister M. Theodefrida for the many years she lived with us and served so lovingly.

In the Heart of Jesus,

Sister Teresita, MSC