

November 24, 1982

"My heart exults in the Lord ...  
I rejoice in my victory."  
(Morning Prayers: 2 Sam. 2:1,2)

Dear Sisters,

Tuesday night at 11:55 p.m., our dear Lord called Sister Theofrida to victory in Himself.



Sister M. Theofrida, M.S.C.  
Gebina Jansen  
Born: August 13, 1894  
First Profession: December 11, 1920  
Died: November 23, 1982

Sister Theofrida came to the United States in January, 1922. Sister was active in the domestic apostolate in Dayton, Northampton, Geneva, and Pottsville.

In 1930 she came to the motherhouse where she has been ever since. For some years Sister was in charge of the main kitchen; then she helped in the sewing room. Her physical condition was never strong. She has been fully retired for the past 15 years.

Two weeks ago Sister was admitted to the hospital for surgery on her knee. The operation was successful and she seemed to be doing well until two days ago when she suffered a heart attack and had to be moved to the coronary care unit. Last night, shortly before midnight, the Lord called her home.

Sister Theofrida was truly a hidden soul -- hidden in the Lord. She will be remembered not for the big and great, but for the small and unassuming. As the main cook in the motherhouse, she was in charge of training the novices, a duty she fulfilled with much love and understanding. All her life, it was her kindness and gentleness that made her so approachable. We who knew her experienced God's love made present through her.

Truly, the Lord has called this soul to exult in His glory. We know that she will join the number of our intercessors with the Heavenly Father.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered on Saturday, Nov. 27th at 10:00 a.m. after which she will be buried in the convent cemetery.

In the love of Our Lord,

*Sister M. Thomasita, M.S.C.*