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"My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on His word."
(Ps. 130)

Dear Sisters,

Last evening as some Sisters were praying the above psalm in evening prayer, the long wait for the Lord ended for our dear Sister Ludgeris.

Sister M. Ludgeris, MSC - Theodora Laukamp
Born: November 10, 1896
First Profession: August 16, 1922
Died: February 27, 1982

Sister Ludgeris is the sister of our Sister M. Benildis in Essen-Borbeck, Germany.

Sister came to the United States as a junior professed Sister in 1924. In her apostolic ministry, she was an excellent and very versatile nurse, serving also as an x-ray technologist and nurse anesthetist. Sister Ludgeris was one of the Sisters who started the health care apostolate at Sacred Heart Hospital, Norristown. She also served in the hospitals in Allentown, Pottsville, Athens, and most recently at St. Joseph Health Resort, Wedron.

Sister was a gentle, pleasant person with a deep and generous compassion for the sick. She was always ready to minister to them at night, even after working a full day. She had a special gift for touching the down-trodden, especially alcoholics.

When the Sisters were withdrawn from St. Joseph's Health Resort three years ago, Sister Ludgeris came to the motherhouse to retire. Even here she continued to do many little things for the sick Sisters in the infirmary until about two months ago, when she herself was admitted to the infirmary.

Sister grew continually weaker until about two weeks ago when she was admitted to the hospital. In addition to her other health problems, they found she had a duodenal ulcer. After about a week of treatment, she seemed to be improving and we thought she would be coming home again. Then two days ago, she took a turn for the worse from which she never recovered. Last evening, about 7 PM, she returned her soul to the Lord.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Tuesday at 6:30 PM. The burial will be on Wednesday, March 3rd at 8:30 AM in the convent cemetery.

In the love of Our Lord,

Sister M. Thomasita, M.S.C.