

January 26, 1980

"Let us live holy and upright lives, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ." (Today's Office)

Dear Sisters,

Last evening, suddenly and without any warning, the "waiting in joyful hope" came to an end for our dear Sister Paulina.

Sister M. Paulina, M.S.C.  
Elizabeth Gruss  
Born: July 10, 1898 at Brilon Wald, Germany  
First Profession: August 16, 1922  
Died: January 25, 1980 in Reading

Sister Paulina came to America in 1922, only a few months after her first profession. Although she was never a physically strong person, Sister did sacristy and domestic work in several houses including Malvern, Shelby, Dayton, and Wellsburg. Most of her apostolic life was spent here at St. Michael's where she quietly, but with love and joy, cared for our Motherhouse Chapel.

In 1975 Sister Paulina joined our retirement community here. She was weak and suffered from a heart condition, but she managed to get around on her own and to participate in community life.

Last evening after recreation, Sister read the newspaper and then went to her room. She was hardly inside the door when she fell to the floor. The nurse came from down the corridor, but Sister was already breathing her last.

Let us in love and prayer remember our dear Sister Paulina, who will surely also remember us.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Monday evening, January 28th at 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. Sister Paulina will be buried in our convent cemetery.

In the love of Our Lord,

Sister M. Theresita, M.S.C.