

MARIAN RESIDENCE

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Dear Sisters, Relatives, and Friends of Sister Susanne Neu

After years of illness, Sister Susanne Neu slipped quietly away to heaven at 9:30 a.m., March 1, 1994. She had been forced to use oxygen for years because of her failing heart; that morning she never woke up.

Sister Susanne, the third of eight children of Franz and Katharina (Zimmer) neu, was born in Kommlingen, Trier, Germany, on August 17, 1904. She was the last survivor of her family. Educated in Kommlingen and the domestic science school, Karthaus, in Trier, she entered our congregation at Nonnenwerth in August, 1926. On receiving the habit in February, 1927, she was given the name Sister Afra, but later returned to her baptismal name. She came to the United States as a novice and professed vows at Stella Niagara, NY, on September 2, 1929.

Sister Susanne worked as cook, baker, and housekeeper in many convents in New York, Ohio, West Virginia, North and South Dakota, and Nebraska. Her last assignment was St. Mary's Academy in O'Neill, NE. Ill health forced her to retire; in April 1992, she was brought to Marian Residence. At that time she was still able to attend Mass in chapel and to enjoy card games in the evening, but as she grew weaker even these activities were denied her.

We can think of no better memorial to Sister Susann than the words that Sister Cecilia Linenbrink, unable to be here for the funeral, wrote about her:

"When I think of her I think of how . . .

Her smile always came through the pain . . .

her friendly "breather" always
pumping and saying, "I'm here for you."

How she said our names individually as
though we were always beside her.

How she loved her cards, better
known by those who shuffled them
with her

How in O'Neill she knew everyone in
the town and all their lives, more or less . . .

How now, she calls us each by name and
remembers us where all tears and pain are
absorbed into the Heart of a loving, a
compassionate God, passionate in love for
each of us as we await our turn to "go home."

Peace and All Good

Your Sisters at Marian Residence