

MARIAN RESIDENCE

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Dear Sisters, Relatives, and Friends of Sister Julia,

The first reading at Sister Julia Schneider's funeral Mass said that Yahweh asks us to "live justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God." Julia Schneider, daughter of William Schneider and Anna Marie Pink, began her humble walk with God on January 24, 1907, in Omaha, Nebraska. She was one of six children born to this union; three brothers preceded her in death.

In her early childhood the family moved to the area around St. Francis Mission, on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. Eventually Julia became acquainted with the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity there, and entered their novitiate at Stella Niagara, New York, on January 22, 1930. On August 29 of that year she was received and given the name of Sister Mary Bonaventure. When permission was granted in later years for the Sisters to return to using their baptismal names, she became Sister Julia.

During her early years in the community Sister Julia was a primary school teacher. She then became a Registered Dietician; after several years in this work she returned to teaching. During the 1980's she worked as a home maker, first for the novitiate community in St. Louis, Missouri, then in the retirement community in Alliance, Nebraska. During these last years she was a volunteer teacher's aide in the kindergarten at St. Agnes Academy, Alliance, Nebraska. Her varied career took her to New York, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, and Missouri.

On June 20 Sister Julia left Alliance, Nebraska to visit her brother Henry and his wife at Cody, Nebraska. Next she went to the home of her sister-in-law Marie near St. Francis, South Dakota. On June 25 she boarded a bus to go to Omaha, Nebraska where her sister Ellen lives. At Atkinson, Nebraska she suffered a severe stroke and was admitted to the Atkinson hospital. She was transferred to St. Anthony's Hospital, O'Neill, Nebraska, where she completed her earthly journey about 3:00 A.M., Saturday, June 26, 1993.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 30, at 11:00 A.M. at Holy Rosary Church, Alliance, Nebraska. Many Sisters, relatives and friends attended this celebration of Sister Julia's into eternal life. She was the hundredth Sister of St. Francis to be laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery.

Blessings of Peace and All Good.

Your Sisters at Marian Residence