

MARIAN RESIDENCE

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Dear Sisters, Associates, Relatives and Friends,

During the past many months Sister M. Antonella Troshynski's health was gradually failing. After repeated trips to St. Anthony's Hospital in O'Neill, Nebraska, Sister came to Marian Residence in Alliance, Nebraska on August 3, 1999. Sister Antonella was no stranger to our staff. She would spend time here recovering from illnesses, making retreat or being here while the Sisters in O'Neill were gone. All here were happy to have her around because of her jolly sense of humor and practical approach to life. After being here, receiving special care and wheelchair transportation, her heart condition wasn't improving. The flu bug hit our city and our facility with a vengeance. After Sister had the flu for about twenty-four hours she slipped quickly to heaven at 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 1999. She had been to Mass on Monday, the 13th, and on December 8th Father Tim Stoner had administered the Sacrament of the Sick to all of the Sisters during Mass.

Rosalia Troshynski, daughter of August and Dina Steskal Troshynski, was born March 8, 1905, in Atkinson, Nebraska. She had eight brothers and two sisters. Her older sister entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity at Stella Niagara, New York, in 1911 and received the name Sister Jolenta. Rosalia followed her in 1923 and became Sister Antonella.

Sister Antonella began teaching in 1925 at Stella Niagara, New York. During her teaching years she acquired a Bachelor's and Master's degree; her chosen field was English. After teaching in several eastern states she returned to the mid-west in 1940. She taught or held administrative positions in North Dakota, Colorado and Nebraska. Sister spent a few years at St. Agnes Academy in Alliance, Nebraska, but the majority of her years were spent at her Alma Mater, St. Mary's Academy, O'Neill, Nebraska. Even after her official retirement she assisted with religion classes, taught art and calligraphy, helped correct papers and advised students. She always enjoyed a special rapport with teenagers. During her years of retirement she was also involved in Bible classes and carried on an interesting correspondence with alumnae, priests, relatives, associates and friends.

There was a wake service for Sister Antonella at 7 p.m. on December 15 in Marian Hall, Alliance. Sister's casket stood in front of the statue of Christ on the Cross embracing St. Francis -- the same statue that was at St. Mary's, O'Neill in 1912 or 1913 when Sister went to grade school there. Father Tim Stoner offered the Mass of the Resurrection for her at Marian Hall at 10 a.m. on December 16. Her remains were transported to O'Neill for a second wake service from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church on December 17. The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on December 18. Sister was laid to rest next to her sister, Sister Jolenta, who died in 1988. One sister, Helen Wilson of San Luis Obispo, California, a sister-in-law, Margaret Troshynski of O'Neill, numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives survive her.

Your Sisters at Marian Residence