

Marian Residence
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Dear Sisters, Associates, Family Members and Friends of Sister Anna Krenznel,

Anna Krenznel was born to Eustachius and Mary Magdalen Hagel Krenznel on January 25, 1915 at Orrin, North Dakota and entered into eternal life on May 25, 2003 at Marian Residence, Alliance, Nebraska. Sister was the eighth child in a family of nine. In August of 1936 Anna followed her two older sisters, Sister Agnesita (Agnes) Krenznel and Sister Eustacia (Cecilia) Krenznel to Stella Niagara, New York to enter the Sisters of St. Francis. In August of 1937 she was received into the Order and took the name Sister Humiliata. In the mid 60's she returned to her baptismal name, Anna. After her first profession in 1938, she went to the newly established Sacred Heart Province with headquarters in Denver, Colorado. Sister was one of the pioneer Sisters at Marycrest doing the cooking, laundry, supervising housekeeping duties, the gardens and all works relating to the establishment of a new Provincial Motherhouse. She always attended to the needs of the postulants and novices who entered at Marycrest.

In 1966 she went to St. Mary Hospital, Scottsbluff, Nebraska and worked many years as a nurse's aide. Sister Anna went to Minot, North Dakota in December of 1977 and worked as a nurse's aide before joining the pastoral care department that opened at St. Joseph's Hospital, Minot, North Dakota. Sister worked in pastoral care until she became innkeeper. The hospital set up what was called an inn to provide a place to stay for people who were receiving radiation treatments and for families who had members in the hospital. Sister Anna's compassion for patients and hospitality to the families was her great gift and her first priority was always good care. She had an ability to listen to people, sense their needs and pray with and for them. In 1998 Sister had to retire from active ministry and came to Alliance, Nebraska to continue her prayer ministry. Sister Anna suffered from Parkinson's Disease for many years and finally, following a fall, had to use a wheelchair.

On May 3, 2003 Sister Anna celebrated the 65th year of her religious profession as a Sister of St. Francis. She had a wonderful weekend with family and friends. (Thanks to all who helped make her jubilee day so special.) On Saturday, May 17, Sister had a severe Gastro Intestinal Hemorrhage. Although the hemorrhage seemed to have stopped, Sister's weakened condition just didn't allow a comeback for her. In spite of the loving care of the staff of Marian Residence, the Sisters and hospice, Sister only became weaker. Her death was peaceful and she breathed forth her soul to God while Sisters and staff prayed at her bedside.

Two sisters, Mrs. Felicitas Hager of Rugby, North Dakota and Sister Eustacia Krenznel survive her as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Sister Eustacia, two nieces and their husbands from North Dakota, many Sisters, staff and associates attended the funeral.

The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated on May 28, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at Marian Residence for both Sister Florence Southall and Sister Anna Krenznel. The theme "Let Your Light Shine" from their Jubilee was carried into their funeral liturgy which was celebrated by Father Bryan Earnest.

Sister was laid to rest in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Alliance, Nebraska.

Blessings ,

The Sisters at Marian Residence