

Sisters of St. Francis
Marian Residence
1104 Toluca Avenue
Alliance, Nebraska

Dear Sisters, Associates, Family members and friends of Sister Eustacia,

The second reading from 2 Corinthians 4, 6-11 was used at the Mass of Resurrection for Sister Eustacia Krenzle on August 30, 2007. This "earthen vessel" died on August 27 at 9:15 p.m. surrounded by Sisters and members of the nursing staff at Marian Residence, Alliance, Nebraska. This kind and gentle woman was born to Eustachius and Magdalena (Hagel) Krenzle on November 22, 1912 at Orrin, North Dakota. She was named Cecilia and in 1934 followed her older sister (Sister Agnesita) to the novitiate in Stella Niagara, New York. At her investiture the following summer she was named Eustacia, after her father. In 1935 her sister, Sister Anna, followed her two sisters to Stella Niagara.

Sister Eustacia professed her first vows in 1935 and remained at Stella until 1939. She then ministered at St. Mary's, O'Neill, Nebraska and Holy Rosary Mission, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Later her ministry in health care as manager of the business office started in hospitals in Alliance, Nebraska; Minot, North Dakota and O'Neill, Nebraska. In the early 70's, Sisters Agnesita, Eustacia, Anna and their sister, Mrs. Felicitas Hager, experienced the magic of a trip to the Netherlands, Italy and Germany.

In 1983 Sister retired from hospital ministry and spent time at Queen of Peace Oratory in Denver, Colorado. In 1984 Sister Mary Carroll, Provincial Minister at the time, asked Sister to start the Franciscan Associate program for Sacred Heart Province. When Sister retired as Director of the program she stated in her summary that there were 137 active Associates, 25 deceased Associates and 32 who had not renewed their commitment. Sister's daily prayer at Mass was for the Associate members.

For health reasons Sister moved to Marian Residence, Alliance, Nebraska in 2002 where she spent a lot of her time doing needle work crafts and putting many jigsaw puzzles together.

Sister is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Her niece, Agnes and husband, Ray Schmidt from Harvey, North Dakota, Sisters from O'Neill, Omaha, and Valentine, Nebraska, St. Francis Mission, Denver, Colorado, many Associates, and other friends joined the Alliance Sisters for the wake on August 29, and for the funeral. Sister was laid to rest in Calvary cemetery here in Alliance.

Your Sisters at Marian Residence