

IN MEMORIAM



Sr. Susanna Laux

BORN: August 1916

ENTERED CONGREGATION: September 1, 1932

DIED: August 11, 2009

MARGARET Martha Laux was born in Bryant, Indiana in August 1916 to Albert and Rose (Welsch) Laux. She received the name Susanna as her religious name. She is the fifth-oldest of four sisters and six brothers. Susanna has one living brother, Joseph, and two living sisters, Helen Fisher and Alfreda Muhlenkamp.

The late Sister Mary Albertina Laux was her sister; the late Sisters Mary Agnella Laux and DePaul and Magdalene Miller were her second cousins. Sister Rosemary Laux, who is living at Salem Heights, is proud to be one of her second cousins.

Sister Susanna celebrated her 75th anniversary as a Sister of the Precious Blood in 2007. Two days after her 93rd birthday, God took Susanna home after a life of dedicated love and faithful service.

Throughout her religious life, Sister Su-

sanna was engaged in the domestic arts as a cook, housekeeper, and seamstress. She served in various Ohio convents: Glandorf, Dayton, Troy, Vandalia, North College Hill, and at the residence of Bishop George Rehring in Cincinnati. She worked in the Ecclesiastical Department making vestments and in the aspirancy making uniforms for the girls. Her last assignment was serving as the cook at Our Lady of Good Hope Convent in Miamisburg, Ohio. Due to failing health, Sister Susanna moved to Salem Heights in 1987 and eventually to Emma Hall in 2006.

Simplicity, kindness, prayerfulness, and loyalty are words that describe Sister Susanna. She was also known for her wit and sense of humor. Susanna respected every person and went out of her way for others. In the words of a friend, "she always made a good happening seem better than it was, and a misfortune not as bad as it seemed."

I lived with Sister Susanna for seven years at Our Lady of Good Hope. At that

time she sang in the parish choir and participated in various parish activities. The parishioners loved Susanna and clearly recognized her spirit of joy and thoughtfulness.

Susanna was a quiet, pleasant person. She loved to read, work crossword puzzles and do word searches. Above all, she loved playing cards, especially pinochle with her group of sisters on Sunday afternoon.

Sister Barbara Agnew and I were blessed to have Sister Susanna as our "prayer sister" for many years. We know now that her prayers will continue to benefit us even more as she spends her now-eternal life with the Lord whom she loved so much.

Susanna, thank you for being an inspiration to us. We will always remember you for your love and joy, simplicity and gentleness, your faith and dedication to God.

—Sister Cecilia Taphorn