

*For those who have been faithful, O Lord,
life is not ended, but merely changed.*

September 30, 1980

Dear Sisters,

On September 14 Sister M. David Morbitzer celebrated her 84th birthday at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home. Fifteen days later, on September 29, at 5:15 p.m., she entered into a new and better life in Heaven. Sister David became a resident of Our Lady of Angels just a year ago. During these months, she had slipped peacefully into the routine of the Home, never complaining of sickness, although not in the best of health. Just two days previous to her death, she entered St. Joseph Hospital where she finally succumbed to her last illness.

Sister David (Elsie) was a native of Columbus, Ohio, born to Aloysius and Maria Morbitzer in 1896 and baptized in St. Mary's Church two weeks later. Elsie was the only girl in a family of ten children. Upon the death of her mother, she took over the care of her nine brothers. But she always cherished a desire to enter the convent, and the opportunity to do so was provided when her friends, Sisters Celine and Teresine, were preparing to leave for the postulancy. Practically over night she packed the necessary clothing and boarded the train with them, having made a hasty call to Mother Thomasine. She had served the needs of her family well, and now at the age of 34 embarked on this new phase of her life.

Sister David entered the postulancy on September 8, 1930, completing the time of her initial formation on August 12, 1936 when she professed her final vows. She served the needs of high school students during 31 years in the field of education. During those years, she taught at St. Peter, Mansfield; Central Catholic High, Toledo; St. Francis de Sales, Chicago; St. Francis Academy, Joliet; and St. Mary, Columbus. From 1968 to 1979, she lived at St. Mary's and did general work around the convent, cooking some of the meals and taking care of the upkeep of the convent. Only in the Fall of 1979 did she retire to Our Lady of Angels.

Sister David is survived by four brothers: John, Raymond, Dick, and Joseph; four sisters-in-law of her deceased brothers; as well as many nieces and nephews. To all the members of her family and to her many friends we offer our sympathy and our prayers at this time of grief.

The wake for Sister David will be on Thursday, October 2, from 2 to 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels. A prayer service will be offered at 3:30 p.m. The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated in the chapel at OLA by the chaplain, Rev. Manuel Loughran, CSV, at 7 p.m. on October 2. The burial services will be conducted from OLA to Resurrection Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 3.

This year Sister David will spend her first St. Francis Day in Heaven, jubilant that she had been gifted with a Franciscan spirit and thankful that she had been faithful to the Gospel lessons that Francis had taught her during her 49 years in religious life. May God give her peace.

Devotedly in Christ,

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