

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

April 9, 1982

Dear Sisters,

Sister Consolata Surges had been residing at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home since 1971. During these past several years her health had been very fragile, but she lingered in this state of ill health until Thursday, April 8, 1982, giving her life back to her Lord at 8:10 p.m.

Contrary to the practice of most young women of her day, she followed a profession for several years before entering the convent at age 29. She was issued a diploma for nursing from St. Joseph Hospital in Ashland, Wisconsin in June, 1915 and received her R.N. degree in September, 1921. While listening to the voice of the Spirit and asking Him to help her discern her future life, she nursed at Misericordia Hospital in Chicago. Finally recognizing her call to a religious vocation, she entered our Congregation in February, 1924.

As a nurse, Sister Consolata was filled with kindness and compassion for her patients. She is remembered by those who worked with her as a very competent nurse, one who was skilled at relieving both the physical pain and human fears of her patients. At Marybrook Academy and St. Francis Academy she was able to gain the good will of the students while she cared for some physical disability. She always greeted them with a smile and became the confidante and advisor of her young patients. Particularly at Marybrook, a boarding school, she exhibited her untiring zeal, for she never complained when called out in the middle of the night to care for one of the girls. She gave of herself unrestrictedly, always at the beck and call of the sick and infirm.

Sister Consolata will be remembered as a woman of kindness and great faith. She will leave a vacancy in the lives of the Sisters with whom she lived, and in the lives of her two blood sisters: Mrs. Michael (Helen) Steinhauer and Mrs. Robert (Catherine) Widman, both of Chicago. We offer them, and all her friends, our heartfelt sympathy.

Sister Consolata spent sixty-seven years of her life in the ministry of healing the sick. During her life as a Catholic lay woman, and then as a Franciscan woman religious, she served the needs of others through her nursing profession. Now as she enters Heaven at this joyous season of Easter, the Lord is rewarding her for her unstinting service to His little ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Governing Board



VITAE of Sister M. Consolata (Susan Surges) 562



Born: December 2, 1894, Chicago  
Parents: Henry and Caroline (Kramer) Surges  
Parish: St. Augustine, Chicago

Postulancy: February 10, 1924  
Novitiate: August 12, 1924  
First Vows: August 13, 1926  
Final Vows: August 13, 1929  
Golden Jubilee: June, 1976

Ministry: 46 years in the ministry of nursing

1925-42 Motherhouse Infirmary  
1942-43 GAH (last part of year on sick leave)  
1943-51 Marybrook Academy, Maumee, OH  
1951-55 Motherhouse Infirmary  
1955-56 GAH (also taught Kindergarten)  
1956-71 SFA (general nursing)  
1971 OLA (retired)

Died: April 8, 1982 at 8:10 p.m.

Wake: April 12, 2-7 p.m. at OLA

Prayer Service: April 12, 3:30 p.m.

Liturgy of Resurrection: Monday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.

Celebrants: Rev. Joseph Shimanek

Rev. Manuel Loughran, CSV

Burial Services: Tuesday, April 13, 9:30 a.m. to Resurrection

Cemetery from OLA

