

Sister Liska MonzaneY

Seeing Humor In Life

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Dear Sisters, Associates, Family Members and Friends,

On June 1, 2003, the Sunday that Catholics were celebrating the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, at 1:30 PM on that day Sister Liska MonzaneY went to join her God in the place prepared for her from all eternity. Six Victory Noll Sisters and two members of the nursing staff were praying at her bedside when she died.

In Sister Liska's *Croatian/English Prayerbook*, Sister Pauline found the following reading giving insight into Liska's feelings about death:

We Shall Meet Again

*If I should leave this world without a warning
and not even whisper a fond farewell,
grieve not for one more message from the lips that God has stilled.
But just remember me with love and prayers
for my soul's journey to that fair land beyond life's tears.
For I have believed with all my heart in its existence,
and I know that God is good,
for He has come to me through the life of Him
Whose very garment I have sought to touch.
It may be lonely, and I hope you miss me just a little,
because I have loved so deeply my own family and faithful friends.
Forgive me if I have ever hurt you
and remember me for what I longed to be.
Your love shall linger within my soul so say not "good-bye,"
for on some bright tomorrow we shall meet again.*

Author: Anonymous

Sharing of memories at the Vigil Service on Monday, June 2, revealed that Sister Liska had a love for dogs, butterflies and ice cream, but most of all she loved to teach. Two of her students became priests. One recently wrote her stating that she helped form his vocation to the priesthood and that she would always be part of his prayer life. The sharing also spoke about Sister's ability to teach teenage boys. One even played a trick on her by hanging her briefcase high on the hook of a telephone post. The Christmas Season was important to her as annually she set up a Bethlehem Crib that took up ¼ of the living room.

Sister has one living sister, Helena Monzaney Smith of Harrisburg, PA who was unable to attend the funeral. Her sister-in-law, Angie Monzaney, from Mechanicsburg, PA was also unable to attend. Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death. Sister was born in Harrisburg, PA on July 5, 1917 to John Monzaney and Justine Petesic Monzaney. She entered Victory Noll in September, 1938 and took first vows on August 5, 1941. Her missionary life took her to Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Texas. She ministered for 33 years in Ida, Michigan before retiring to Victory Noll in November, 2002.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Liska on Tuesday, June 3rd was celebrated by Father John P. LaCasse, pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Ida, MI. The presence at the Mass of nineteen persons from Ida gave witness to the impact of her ministry there. Others attending the funeral services were Victory Noll Sisters from Ft. Wayne and Ligonier, and Associate Members from Gary, IN and Huntington.

Sister Liska's reading, previously quoted, states: "... and I hope you miss me just a little, because I have loved so deeply my own family and faithful friends." Many of us can say that we miss her more than "just a little" because we have felt her deep love. We pray that she is enjoying God's love to the fullest!

In God's Peace, Joy, Love,

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