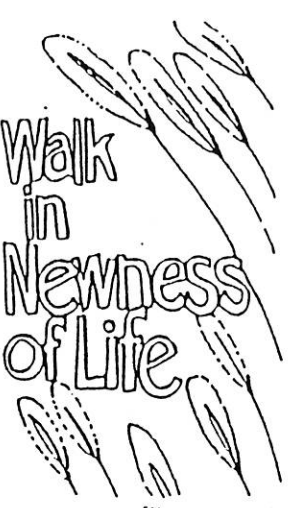


February 10, 1996

Walk  
in  
Newness  
of Life



Dear Sisters:

We sang: "We shall go up with joy  
to the house of our God."

Sister Alberta had gone with joy to the house of our God the week before. Her sudden death on January 20, 1996, left us still unable to believe we were gathered to remember her in a wake service.

Sister Alberta Walter was born to Albert and Victoria Kosac Walter March 24, 1922, in Racine, Wisconsin. She died in Oruro, Bolivia January 20, 1996. Her parents were from Czechoslovakia. They are deceased and also a brother, Joseph; two sisters, Martha Levandowski and Helen Buse, Sister's twin.

Sister attended schools in Racine and enlisted in the Navy Reserve August 4, 1943. She served in New York, Washington, D.C., Louisiana and Texas before being honorably discharged August 26, 1946. She worked in a bank in Racine as savings teller for three years.

Sister Alberta entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters congregation September 6, 1950 and made first vows August 5, 1953. She came to the missions as God's instrument with Good News for His people in Texas, New Mexico, California, Arizona, Utah, Wyoming and Oruro, Bolivia. She returned from eleven years ministry in Bolivia six years ago and has ministered in United States missions.

During the past year she was asked to be companion to Sister Adela in a renewed effort toward attracting and receiving new Bolivian candidates. She responded generously and wholeheartedly to this call. She was commissioned by the community at the Sunday Mass January 14. She left Monday morning, January 15.

A fax from Sister Alberta on Wednesday stated she had arrived safely. It seems almost the next day she fell ill. Friday she was not feeling well. Saturday morning early the two companion sisters, Sister Carolyn Ortega and Sister Adela Amoroso, arranged to take her to the Policlínica Oruro, the best hospital

in Oruro. A cardiogram and x-ray showed her lungs were filled two-thirds with liquid and her heart was not functioning right. Soon with oxygen, Sister was feeling better. Sister Alberta was cheerful and her color was good. At noon time Father Michael McCormick anointed her. She and Sister Carolyn received Holy Communion. During the evening Sister Carolyn went home and Sister Adela came to the hospital to be with her. About 9:30 that night she was helping Sister Alberta into bed. As Sister laid on the pillow, she was no longer breathing. She was dead. Sister Carolyn was called to the hospital and two priests from San Pio X joined the Sisters in prayers for the dead.

Father William Murphy, Father Michael McCormick, Sister Carolyn and Sister Adela accompanied the body of Sister Alberta to the funeral home in LaPaz that night. The Sisters returned to Oruro on Sunday. They went to LaPaz on Monday to make arrangements for the flight to United States. The body was flown to Miami on Thursday, arrived in Fort Wayne Friday afternoon, and was brought to Memorial Chapel at Victory Noll just before the wake service that evening, January 26.

Father Thomas Fahey celebrated the Mass of the Resurrection on Saturday morning with military services. Seven men of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2689 participated by presentation of the flag, color guard and playing "Taps." Sister Beatrice Haines' homily related, "Hers was a ministry of loving, gentle presence to her family, to us, her Victory Noll Sisters, and to all those with whom she ministered."

Sister Alberta is survived by two sisters: Anne Walter of Racine and Julia Carney of Westfield, Wisconsin and nieces and nephews. Both sisters attended the funeral Mass accompanied by a niece, Mary Frances Larsen of Racine. Because of weather conditions, other family members were unable to attend.

We joined in Final Commendation prayers in the Gathering Space because of the inclement weather. A number of Sisters walked with the family to the cemetery. A delicious dinner was served in the dining rooms.

Your presence among us has been appreciated, Sister Alberta. Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

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