



My shepherd is the Lord  
His goodness shall follow me always  
Til the end of my days.

My shepherd is the Lord.  
There is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
Where He gives me repose.

Near restful waters He leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

Gelineau #22  
(Liturgy of Christian  
Burial)

Dear Sisters and Associates:

His goodness did follow Sister Ellen Gallagher to the end of her days. On Sunday morning May 1, 1994, she met Him and surely it was "near restful waters."

Sister Ellen had not been well for several days and was on third floor in Holy Family Health Care Center taking tests and in bed most of those days. Thursday afternoon, April 28, the nurse arranged for Sister to enter the Huntington Memorial Hospital immediately where more tests were taken on Friday and emergency surgery was performed Saturday evening. Sisters Camilla Cray and John Francis Radler were with her until late Saturday and then returned to Victory Noll. At 4:20 a.m. Sunday morning the hospital personnel called Victory Noll to report that Sister's condition had worsened and her pressure was very low. After that message Sisters took turns for 2-hour shifts staying with Sister Ellen. The doctor was notified and he arrived about 10:30 a.m. and gave no hope for Sister's recovery. He respected Sister Ellen's request that there be no life-prolonging procedures as she was very weak and unable to breathe on her own. She died at 10:50. Sisters John Francis Radler, Joan Arnold and Cecilia Marie Renk were with her at that time.

Sister Ellen was born October 15, 1913, in St. Louis, Missouri to Thomas and Annie (Lundy) Gallagher, both of whom are deceased. She is survived by a brother, Thomas of Highridge, Missouri and two nephews, Robert Heida and Don Heida of St. Louis and Manchester, Missouri.

Sister was graduated from St. Philomena School in St. Louis, where she also took a six-year dress-making course.

On August 30, 1935, Sister Ellen entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters (Victory Noll) in Huntington, Indiana and she professed first vows there on August 21, 1938.

The Night Prayer of the Church, the wake, was held at 7:00 o'clock on Monday evening. Parts of the several tributes of those who had shared home and/or ministry in Arizona, New Mexico or Texas attested to the joy of being a companion with Sister. The affirmation, gentleness and kindness they had experienced was included in each story. On a table with a collection of some of Sister's works was an album filled with certificates, diplomas and awards she had cherished. She had pursued each assignment with a diligence so that the enrichment would further her abilities in the apostolic ministries. The teaching, the training, the sewing or the crafts were a part of her busy hours. She was known to have a little fancy work tucked in her pocket to bring out even for a 2-minute wait. All would be finished one day to a special Sister- Ellen-Gallagher-perfection.

After the wake Sister Ellen's brother, Thomas, and wife, Eleanor; a son, Robert Heida and wife, Janet arrived. They joined the community in the refreshments and met some of the Sisters they had known.

Father Thomas Fahey officiated at the beautiful Liturgy of Christian Burial on Tuesday morning at 10:30. He spoke briefly of "this valiant woman" he had come to know at table conversations in Holy Family dining room.

The selections of Hostia Santa Hostia Viva, O Jose Tu Favor and We Walk by Faith were favorites of Sister Ellen.

The bell tolled as we walked to the cemetery in a slightly cold wind. Father Fahey blessed the grave and led us in prayer. During the singing of We Have a Holy Mother, we blessed the casket with holy water and then walked to the dining rooms to a delicious meal served with wine.

"Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose." How true, Sister Ellen, and we can only imagine your appreciation and gratefulness now for the beauty, freshness and green He is sharing with you today. Thank you for sharing with us some of the beauty of this life.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

May 5, 1994.

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