

Obituary
of our
Sister Philomena Krinninger

*** 18. 12. 1929**

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Sr. Philomena was born December 18, 1929 in St. Ägidi, in the village of Zimmerleiten in Upper Austria, and died on the morning of April 19, 2020, the Sunday of Mercy, in Wernberg.

Sr. Philomena, you were already baptized in the afternoon of the day when you were born. You were given the name Paula. You were the eldest girl of five, in all you were 10 children - boys and girls balanced each other! Your father was supervising road constructions, your mother was busy with children, household and agriculture. From the situation of your family it is understandable that you were very careful, economical, thrifty and efficient. You helped at home after school and at the age of nineteen you went to the Trappist monastery in Engelszell as a help in the house. After that your inclination for nursing was already noticeable, because you worked in the hospital in Schärding as a ward assistant and then in the Niedernhardt sanatorium and nursing home. From all of them you got the best certificates. The administrator of Niedernhardt wrote: "Only due to her intention to dedicate herself to the service of the highest was her resignation granted."

You entered Wernberg in 1951 and until 1967 you took care of the rooms in the guest house with great care and accuracy, some of the young assistants experienced your severity. In order to learn nursing, you went to Paderborn to the Herz Jesu hospital of our sisters, but unfortunately back problems soon became apparent and you came back to Wernberg. That was a heavy blow for you. But you did not give up and continued to make high demands on yourself. You did your training as a surgery assistant at the Provincial Hospital Klagenfurt with excellent success. For 15 fulfilling years you were a great support to Dr. Brantner and his wife. Afterwards, with your conscientiousness and your sense of duty, you kept the cash register books in our home office until 2017, when your eyesight dropped so much that this was no longer possible - again a big break in your life. But after all, you were already 88 years old at that time!

You were always very interested in world affairs and well informed through radio or television, making you an interesting conversation partner. You have noted down historical events very exactly in the diary, for example that in 1924 one had to work one week for $\frac{3}{4}$ kg bacon or that already in 1928 in Germany a test run was started with the television. You also had another hobby, you knitted beautifully.

You had great expectations of improvement from an operation on the spine, which unfortunately did not come true. You walked bravely with crutches, the pain was only noticeable on your face or your behaviour, you hardly mentioned anything.

You were not a woman of many words, which sometimes gave the impression that you were cool. Behind your hard shell, however, hid itself a soft core which revealed itself to your friends and family. You were very attached to your family in general and never overlooked a day of remembrance of siblings, nieces, nephews and even the next generation. You were a very special aunt to everyone!

Two years ago, your eyesight got worse and worse until you became completely blind. You came to our nursing station and gradually your whole body deteriorated. You were lovingly cared for and were able to accept the help offered. On the Sunday of Mercy our God called you to Him. He realized that you needed release from your suffering.

We Sisters remember you well with your cat, which accompanied you to church and waited for you outside the door to accompany you home. If all creation is redeemed, then your cat surely waited for you outside the door of heaven. And, I am sure of it: Your eyes will open and you will see everything and everyone again who is waiting for you.

We are very grateful to you, you were a "pillar" of Wernberg and we ask you to accompany and support us with all the possibilities you have now.

Sr. Pallotti und Mitschwestern