



**OBITUARY of our
Sr. Ursula Maria Lörken,
who died 13. 03. 2022
at the Missionshaus Neuenbeken**

Sister Ursula Maria - Ursula Lörken - was born on 11 May 1940 in Wiesbaden, in the Diocese of Limburg. She studied to become a nurse and re-entered our Congregation on 1 February 1968 in Neuenbeken, which she previously had to leave for reasons of illness. On 14 August of that year she was clothed.

Sr. Ursula Maria does not wish an obituary to be written, so we give only her dates here. She made her First Profession on 15 August 1970 in Neuenbeken, and her Final Profession on 2 February 1976. She worked as a nurse in our two hospitals in Paderborn, later from 1976 to 1979 in Ruppichteroth, then in our infirmary in the Mission House and in 1980 in our house in Roden, in the Saarland. Later she was in charge of the refectory of the Mission House. After a period of helping out in the old people's home in Knechtsteden she was in charge for four years of the laundry in Neuenbeken. 1990 she was transferred to Birkeröd in Denmark, where she worked for two and a half years. After a few years at the Mission House, she was transferred to the Agnes Fröhlich House in Cologne, until she returned to the Mission House in 2013. She has lived in our infirmary since 2019.

Sr. Ursula Maria died during the night of the 2nd Sunday of Lent. On this Sunday we hear the gospel of the transfiguration of Jesus. Pope Francis gave a homily on this Gospel on 12 March. He said:

"Jesus, the text says, took Peter, James and John with him (cf. Lk 9:28). It is he who takes the disciples with him, and it is he who has drawn us close to him. He has loved us, chosen us and called us. In the beginning, there is the mystery of a grace, of an election. This choice was not our choice in the first place, but it was he who called us, without our merit. He called us by our name and took us with him. However, where does he want to lead us? To his holy mountain, where he already sees us with him forever, transfigured by his love. Let us take charge of our lives - starting from grace. And let us accept the gift of living each day as a stage on the way towards the goal."

Sr. Ursula Maria has now reached her goal. May she experience the fulfilment of her longing and be forever secure in God's love.

R.i.p.