

Obituary
of Sr. M. Ortrud Nastold
† am 27.04.2022
in the Missionshaus
Neuenbeken



Sister Ortrud - Johanna Luzia Nastold - was born on May 20, 1938 in Rottweil/ Baden-Württemberg, Diocese of Rottenburg/Stuttgart. In 1953, at the age of 15, she entered the mission school in Neuenbeken, where the foundation was laid for her later work as a teacher in Zimbabwe. After her examination in the mission school, and after the Postulancy and Novitiate, she made her First Profession in Neuenbeken on September 8, 1959.

At the end of 1959, she was missioned to the then Rhodesia, today Zimbabwe, and was assigned to Empandeni Secondary School as early as 1960. After training at the Teachers Training College in Bulawayo in 1961/62, she taught in Monte Cassino from 1963 to 1969. Here she also made her Final Vows on January 1, 1963.

From 1970 to 1976 she taught in Regina Mundi Secondary School, 1977/78 in Monte Cassino, 1979/80 in Gokomere High School. This was probably the time when the sisters, deprived of their own homes because of the civil war, had to look for another way to keep their school going. All our sisters who worked in Zimbabwe painfully experienced the time of the civil war, which cost the lives of thousands of people from both the white and black population, including some of our sisters. Sr. Ortrud was then able to teach again in Regina Mundi from 1981 to 1989. Leaving from there was extraordinarily difficult for her.

Then, for 24 years, from 1990 to 2014, she was teaching again in Monte Cassino.

Sr. Ortrud was a very good teacher of English and literature. Over 100 of her former students have since her death announcement come forward on Facebook with comments such as "Best English teacher ever" or "It was wonderful to work with her". We also hear from them that she began all her lessons with "All for the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls." Some of these women recall the year 2016 when a large group of former students were in Neuenbeken in memory of Sr. Sturmia. And finally, they also hope that Sr. Ortrud will intercede for them with God: „May she spend her Heaven praying for us."

Sr. Ortrud was also artistically gifted and already in the novitiate was assigned to work with our Sr. Michael Krömer in her atelier. In Zimbabwe she painted - mostly scenes from the everyday life of the African people. She was also very fond of animals.

In 2015, Sr. Ortrud came on home leave and afterwards to Neuenbeken due to illness. On April 2, 2016, she was officially transferred to the German Province. She was a very joyful sister and she liked to talk a lot. In August 2019, she was able to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee as a Precious Blood Sister. Recently, however, she had to go through a very difficult time, so we were grateful when she was also allowed to go home to the Lord on April 27 - the day of the funeral of our Sr. Ignata.

May she now enjoy God's greatness and beauty in the glory of heaven and live in His peace.

R.I.P.