



IN LOVING MEMORY

OF SR MARIA PAULA MAINE CPS

who died on 27 October 2020,
at the Convent Mariannahill.

“.....You will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.” Colossians 3:24

Sr Maria Paula Morakane Lucia Maine was born on 04.09.1943 as the third in a family of 5 brothers and 4 sisters born Parys, Orange Free State. In her biological family she is now survived by one brother who is presently very ill and one sister, Mrs Regina Makhalanyaane present among us.

Sr Paula's faith became deepened when she attended Holy Trinity School in Tweespruit which was run by Franciscan Sisters. It was her first contact with Sisters. She came to Mariannahill in 1963 to complete her matric at St Francis College. At that time, she felt drawn to religious life. After training as a nurse at Mariannahill St Mary's Nursing College, she entered our Congregation in January 1969 in Mariannahill and was received into the Novitiate on the 5th of January 1970 in Glen Avent Convent – Umthatha. She made her First Profession in 1972 in Glen Avent and her Final Profession in 1978 in Mariannahill.

Soon after her First Profession she was assigned to nurse in St Mary's Hospital, Mariannahill, where she served for 13 years including 6 years as tutor in the Nursing College. She completed her training as midwife and her University Diploma in Nursing Education. While working at St Mary's Hospital she was also Directress of Temporary Professed Sisters for almost 7 years. From 07 December 1987 to September 1991 Sr Paula was Novice Directress in the First Novitiate of the Mariannahill Province at Ixopo.

Sr Paula served our CPS Congregation in leadership for several years, as Provincial Councillor for 5 years, General Assistant for 13 years, Provincial Superior of Mariannahill Province for 9 years and Superior of the CPS Convent, Richmond for 4 years.

In June 2019 Sr Paula was transferred to Emaus. Since November 2019 she has been sick and had to be admitted to Hospital several times. She suffered much and had difficulty eating. Sr Paula had tremendous pain in the internal organs. Only in the week before she died, the Doctors detected advanced cancer of the Pancreas and Liver. A clot in the brain was the cause of her slight stroke on the 5th October 2020.

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Because the Sisters in Ixopo, where she then stayed, rushed her in time to the Hospital, the clot could be slowly dissolved. From Gauteng her only biological sister, Mrs Regina Makhalanyane came to visit her, together with daughter Lerato, on 23 to 25 October 2020. Although Sr Paula talked with difficulty, it was a very happy family union in Cato Ridge Hospital.

Since it was Sr Paula's wish to be in the Convent when she dies, after the doctors had done all what they could, she was brought from Intensive Care Unit of Cato Ridge Hospital, by ambulance to Mariannhill Convent Infirmary on 27th of October 2020. She arrived at 12:30, received the Sacrament of Holy Anointing. Then her life ebbed away, and she died peacefully at 2:15 pm on the same day.

Sr Paula was a very loyal and prayerful Sister. She could be firm, but also caring. She was gifted in many ways and was ready to share her gifts in serving the CPS Congregation. Sr Paula was a straight-forward and very conscientious person who carried out duties entrusted to her faithfully and with zeal. Sr Paula never spared herself when challenged by difficulties and sacrifices. She was tall in stature and would not allow any task or challenge to be taller than herself.

Sr Paula is from a Sotho – speaking family but she spoke English as if she was an English – born.

Thank you, Sr Paula for who you have been as a fellow Sister to us, for what you have done for us, for the Congregation and for the Church. May our Lord reward you most abundantly in His heavenly home.

Tsamaya Ka kgotso Ngwanesu !

May She Rest in the Peace of Jesus Christ.

