



OBITUARY

Sr. M. Angelis Song CPS

*** 12.12.1936 † 12.11.2021**

Sr. Angelis - Kie Young Maria Song - was born on December 12, 1936 in Suwon, South Korea, then a Japanese colony. During the Korean War of 1950 -1953, a time marked by hardships and deprivation, Sr. Angelis and her family held fast to their faith in God.

In the summer of 1955, the Korean Jesuit Father Thomas Pak visited our Sisters in the Mission House in Neuenbeken. He described the need of the people in Korea and asked very urgently for sisters for his homeland. Unfortunately, Neuenbeken could not provide any sisters. In view of this difficulty, Fr Pak said without further ado: then we will let Korean girls come here.

On 18 April 1957, a Holy Thursday, three young women, Maria, (Sr. Angelis) Walburga and Johannita travelled to Germany to join the Congregation. At the beginning of the school year, they attended the domestic science school with the other aspirants for one year. In addition, they received their own German lessons every day. Sr. Angelis made her First Profession on 15 August 1960 in the Mission House Neuenbeken; her Perpetual Profession on 15 August 1963 in the Motherhouse Heilig Blut, Niederlande.

After graduating from the nursing school in Paderborn and training as a laboratory technician, Sr. Angelis worked as a nurse in St. Joseph's Hospital and in Cologne-Hohenlind from 1961 to 1968. She was among the first group of sisters sent as missionaries to Korea for two years (1968-1970). She worked as a nurse and clinical pathologist at Seoul Myeongdong St. Mary's Hospital, Suncheon Carlo Hospital and Seoul National University Hospital.

After the Korean War, many medical devices were imported from Germany to Korea, but there were language difficulties to use them. Since Sr. Angelis had a good command of the German language, she was able to help ensure that medical equipment could be operated and used properly. She did this with total dedication.

For 21 years, from 1970 to 1991, Sr. Angelis worked as a nurse in Shillington and Bethlehem, USA; also as a seamstress and in the pastoral-catechetical field. From January 1991 until 1998 she was stationed at the General Procure, Mönchengladbach, Germany, where she offered her skills in housekeeping and sewing. She joyfully supported the Korean community in their pastoral needs around Mönchengladbach.

In 1998, she returned to Sangsamli, Korea. Here she was to live and work in the Korean Region for another 23 years. Sr. Angelis taught the candidates and postulants about the history of our Congregation, and introduced them to Father Founder and Mother Paula. She loved catechetical work very much. In the last years Sr. Angelis loved to take care of the flowers in the Regional House Sangsamli and around the convent. It was important to her that the chapel, and especially Our Lady, were always supplied with flowers. She had a great devotion to Our Lady.

In May 2021, Sr. Angelis was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer. She was concerned that this would cause difficulties in the community. Out of consideration for the Sisters, she had arranged her personal belongings and cleaned up everything before she died. She still showed her hospitality from her bedside, meeting everyone who visited her with a grateful heart and ultimately witnessing to us the way of love and healing.

Sr. Angelis was so grateful to God for all the love and graces she experienced until the end of her life. She returned to God, her Creator, on November 12, 2021.

In Korea, a funeral is also a festival where all members of the family come together to celebrate the life of the deceased. It is also a celebration of reconciliation. The Requiem Mass for Sr. Angelis was held on a Sunday, the day of the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. We felt God's great love for all of us.

May Sr. Angelis now rest forever in the peace of the Lord.