

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR SR YVONNE SEFOLOKO CPS

Who died on 25 October 2022 in Hillcrest Hospital.

"Lord, give me that water.

Then I will never be thirsty again. "In 4:15

Sr Yvonne Sefoloko was born on 06 January 1940 in a family of 4 Sisters and 1 brother in Matatiele, Eastern Cape, to the late Petrus Sefoloko and Harriet Sefoloko. She was baptised on 15 February 1940 in Kokstad Diocese. Aged 20 Sr Yvonne followed her desire to give her life to God. She entered our Congregation in Glen Avent, Eastern Cape, on 10th May 1960 and was received into the Novitiate on the 1st of June 1962. She made her First Profession on 1st July 1963 and her Final Profession on 1st June 1970 in Glen Avent.

After attending the Mission School in Neuenbeken, Germany, and working in the sewing room of Glen Avent, Eastern Cape, Sr Yvonne started doing catechetical work. She was an enthusiastic Catechist and for some time a member of the Mobile Catechetical Team. She did Catechetical Work for 16 years, serving in Shepherd's Hope, Mariazell, Glen Avent, Elliotdale and Marialinden.

When she was transferred to Mariannhill Province in 1989, she was always ready to serve where help was needed. She was a versatile Sister who was always available. She helped in the Liturgical Vestments Department, Mariannhill, and then looked after the girls of St Francis High School Girls' Hostel. For 5 years she was in charge of the employees in the Marien House, Mariannhill till she was needed to relieve as sacristan and housekeeper in Kevelaer Mission and then do entrance duty in Mariannhill Convent. Twice she helped for some years with house chores in Emaus Convent. She was available when needed for the dining room in Mariannhill, where she served for some years till 2020, when she had to be relieved because of her ailing health. Several times she had to be hospitalised.

Spreading the Gospel and sharing her faith were important to Sr Yvonne. She enjoyed working with the Sodality of Mary in St Francis High School Girls' Hostel. She was a kind person who liked to work with young people. Also, the ministry of praying for the dying was dear to her.

In August 2022 Sr Yvonne had to move to St Elizabeth Infirmary in Mariannhill. On 20 October she was admitted to Hillcrest Hospital, where she passed away in the evening of 25 October 2022.

We thank Sr Yvonne for her availability, kindness and example of gratitude. A few days before her death she asked a fellow Sister: "In case I don't make it, please pass my gratitude to all Sisters that I sincerely appreciate all that they have done for me."

May she rest in the loving embrace of her Lord and Creator who is our Heavenly Father.