

## SISTER MARY CARMELITA LUCZYNSKI

Sister Mary Carmelita, (Audrey Luczynski), a Felician Sister of Coraopolis died suddenly on January 3, 2010 at Kindred Hospital. She was receiving therapy for a broken hip. Sister Carmelita was 81 years old and in the 63rd year of religious life.



Sister Mary Carmelita was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the daughter of the late Leo and Josephine Luczynski. As a member of St. Josaphat Parish, South Side (currently Prince of Peace), she attended the parish elementary school. In 1946, Sister entered the Felician Sisters. She made her first vows in 1948 and was perpetually professed in 1954.

Sister Carmelita spent most of her religious life ministering in food service, doing crafts and sewing in which she was very proficient. She ministered in the dioceses of Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania as well as in the Cleveland Diocese in Ohio. For twelve years ministered as food service provider for the provincial house chaplains and offered Felician hospitality to the many priests who came to visit for celebrations, to give annual retreats, or who served as confessors for the community.

For the past 18 years Sister served as portress and director of the volunteers and sisters who assisted in this ministry. While this service could glibly be called one of answering telephones and doorbells, Sister enhanced it. She had an innate penchant for discretion and a kindness in addressing, business, relationships, and or needs. She endeared herself to many with her gracious ways. She was never idle at the front desk. In free moments, she worked on crafts that were donated for sale at the two annual Sisters Craft Show, the proceeds of which went to the Sisters Retirement Fund.

In the past three months Sister Mary Carmelita was bed ridden due to complications due to a broken hip that she suffered in October. She spent some time at St. Anne Nursing Home in Greensburg, was transferred to the Kindred Hospital for physical therapy. She was due to return to St. Anne Nursing Home. However, on the morning of the feast of the Epiphany, Sister suffered a heart attack that claimed her life and she “returned by a different route” to full healing.

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated in the Convent Chapel on January 5, 2010. Rev. Richard L. Conboy, chaplain was the main celebrant with Rev. Edward J. Trzeciakowski and Rev. Henry A. Szarnicki concelebrating. Sister was laid to rest in the convent cemetery, Moon Township among all her beloved sisters who have gone before her.