

Death Notice

SISTER MARIA ALOYSIANE ND 4235

Walburga GEBAUER



Maria Regina Province, Coesfeld, Germany

Date and Place of Birth:	30 March 1929	Reichenbach/ Silesia
Date and Place of Profession:	08 February 1953	Mülhausen
Date and Place of Death:	08 December 2020	Kempen, hospital
Date and Place of Funeral:	14 December 2020	Mülhausen, convent cemetery

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Cor 2:9)

Sister Maria Aloysiane had a great devotion for Mary and she loved praying the rosary. And, therefore, it seems meaningful that God called her home on December 8, a great Feast of Mary.

Sister grew up in a deeply devout family and she always emphasized that she was the middle one of 13 children; ten of her siblings are already deceased. She spent a joyful and carefree childhood and youth in her family; until the end, she praised her beautiful Silesian homeland, from where the family had been expelled in 1946. It took some time until the family came together again in Oldenburg.

For her entry into our Congregation on 16 January 1950, her father made it a condition that all her brothers had to have returned from the war.

Sister Maria Aloysiane ministered as an educator in nursery schools, boarding schools, and homes for disabled children and youth. Sister was an educator by nature and so she took care of the children entrusted to her with loving understanding and patience. Her mother had been an example for her, as she often told us. Especially her ministry in Heinrich-Haus Engers and in Haus Maria Helferin in Leuth had been dear to her heart.

Besides her ministry, Sister Maria Aloysiane had many other talents: she could do needlework and pottery and when she was painting, her imagination knew no bounds. Also when she rearranged her room, which she often did, she was very creative and spared no effort.

When a work was particularly well done, she enjoyed offering it to others. She herself also took pleasure in her works because she saw her talent as a gift from God.

For Sister Maria Aloysiane, death was not a topic to be suppressed; she repeatedly talked about it – in quite a relaxed and pragmatic way. The fact that we have lost her because of the corona virus has deeply touched us.

Sister Maria Aloysiane, who has always been open to and grateful for everything beautiful will now experience what "God has prepared for those who love him".