

## Death Notice

**SISTER ANCILLA MARIA** ND 6164

Katharina GORKOTTE

Maria Regina Province, Coesfeld

Date and Place of Birth:	October 03, 1940	Wessum
Date and Place of Profession:	August 09, 1966	Coesfeld
Date and Place of Death:	March 09, 2024	Coesfeld
Date and Place of Funeral:	March 14, 2024	Coesfeld, Convent Cemetery



Katharina Gorkotte was the daughter of the building constructor Johann Gorkotte and his wife Luise. Together with her eight siblings, she spent a happy childhood. From 1947 to 1955 she attended the basic primary and secondary school in Wessum. Before joining our congregation, she worked in private households and in hospitals. Her last job was in the main and dietary kitchen at the Franziskus hospital in Münster.

In October 1962, Katharina entered our congregation and on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1963, she began her novitiate. After her first profession, Sister Ancilla Maria was missioned to various houses of our province. After professing her perpetual vows in Rome on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1972, she attended the school for home economics in Paderborn.

With her training as a geriatric nurse from 1973 to 1975, the professional career of Sister Ancilla Maria found its final destination. In September 1976, she passed her state certification before the examination board with the grade „very good“. At Katharinenstift, Sr. Ancilla Maria first worked as ward manager and in January 1987, she took over as head of nursing services. The corresponding further formation was part-time.

In 1990, Sister Ancilla Maria was transferred to Nottuln, and she began her work at the social center in Dülmen, in outpatient nursing care, and finally in private nursing care. At her retirement in 1999, she was given the following certificate: “Sr. Ancilla Maria performed her duties with great care for the patients entrusted to her care. She was always characterised by her outstanding initiative, diligence, empathy, sense of responsibility, and high work commitment, which was highly appreciated by the patients and their relatives”.

After completing her service in geriatric care, Sister Ancilla Maria stayed in Nottuln until 2012. Here she did small services in the community until a beginning dementia made a move to Coesfeld necessary.

The disease progressed rapidly, and she soon moved to the nursing ward. Here she was cared for with great attention. Sr. Ancilla Maria was bedridden for a long time. Some of our nurses had been colleagues of Sr. Ancilla Maria from her active time. In conversations with them, Sr. Ancilla Maria’s unique nursing concept and her constant willingness to serve the patients were praised.

She gave her life back into God’s hands as quietly as she had lived the last phase of her life. May he welcome her into his eternal glory.