

MARIAN RESIDENCE

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Dear Sisters, Relatives and Friends,

Patience and love of celebrations were never Sister Rose Wentz's outstanding traits. At about 3:00 A.M., May 1, 1999, the day of her 70th jubilee celebration, she must have told God "enough, now" and quietly slipped off to heaven. The Jubilee celebration for the other jubilarians went on as scheduled. At the offertory of the Mass, following renewal of vows, different breads were offered honoring each jubilarian. The bread for Sister Rose was carried up to the altar as planned, the choir sang the refrain "Take Our Bread," a few words were said about Sister Rose and the church bell was tolled five times. Eight of Sister Rose's relatives were here to celebrate her jubilee and four were able to stay for her funeral on May 3.

Rose Wentz, one of thirteen children, was born January 13, 1905 to Valentine and Marian (Weissenberger) Wentz at Orrin, North Dakota. She professed her first Vows at Stella Niagara, New York on September 3, 1929. Her entire life was spent in service to the poor. She served at an orphanage in Ohio, St. Joseph's Hospital, Alliance, Nebraska, our boarding school in O'Neill, Nebraska, our Indian Missions in South Dakota, and for twenty-one years directed the emergency food, clothing and housing programs at Marycrest Convent, Denver, Colorado. Sister retired in 1988 at Marian Residence in Alliance, Nebraska, where she continued her work for the poor by making baby blankets for the Otomi children in Old Mexico. She was in relatively good health until April 15, 1999 when she developed bilateral pneumonia. She was improving slowly and "we" hoped she would be able to attend the jubilee Mass.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 A.M. on May 3 at Holy Rosary Church, Alliance, Nebraska. Sister Rose, known in Religious Life as Sister Annella for many years, is survived by one sister, many nieces and nephews, her Sisters in Religion, and a countless host of "poor" who remember her kindnesses to them.

Blessings of Peace and All Good,

The Sisters at Marian Residence