

## **Sister Lucy King**

January 12, 1928 – December 28, 2015

Marion Mercedes Elizabeth was born January 12, 1928, in Minot, North Dakota. Her parents were William and Alma Thompson King. She was baptized on January 16, 1928, and confirmed May 17, 1936, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Minot, North Dakota. Mercedes had the good fortune of attending St. Leo's Parish School and met the Franciscan Sisters. She loved the Sisters and began thinking of becoming one of them.

After graduating from St. Leo's School in 1945, Mercedes went to the State Teachers College in Minot, while knowing she had a vocation in religious life after several years in her studies. January 7, 1948, she went to Denver, Colorado, to enter the novitiate. On August 17, 1950, she took temporary vows and she was given the name of Sister Mary Lucy.

Sister Lucy went to Creighton University at Omaha, Nebraska, from 1950-1951 and Regis College in Denver, Colorado, from 1960-1961, graduating with a B.A. degree in English and Philosophy. She taught for several years in O'Neill, Nebraska.

Sister Lucy had the wonderful gift of working with numbers, along with relating to people. She worked as Business Manager at St. Mary's Hospital in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, St. Joseph Hospital in Alliance, Nebraska, and St. Joseph in Minot, North Dakota. In many of her active years, she found herself in Administration as Provincial Councilor, Vicar for the Province. Sister Lucy was Hospital Administrator in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and Director of Mission Effectiveness for Sacred Heart Corporation. She lived and understood the world on an instinctual level, and she had a head and heart that made her a leader in so many areas. She knew how Mission influenced making corporate decisions.

In the year 2005, Sister Lucy moved to Alliance, Nebraska, as her memory was beginning to fail. She eventually moved into Marian Residence in Alliance, Nebraska. A doctor told her sing as much as wished. She loved to sing, so when she no longer remembered words she hummed the melody. Sister Lucy continued ministering with her gentle and peaceful spirit to Sisters, staff, and all the people she met. (She will be missed!)

In the early hours of the morning on Monday, December 28, 2015, Sister Lucy died peacefully in her sleep. Her brother Rich King and his wife Donna from Minot, North Dakota, were able to come to the wake and funeral, along with Sisters Rita Cammack, Liz Fuhr, Mary Joy Peter, Mabel Meng, Karen McCrory, Joan Linenbrink and Jane Schneider. Chrissy Clifford drove Sister Geraldine Clifford from Manderson, South Dakota. On Wednesday, December 30, 2015, Sister Sarah Manchester, led the wake service at Marian Residence. There was laughter and tears as stories were shared by her family, Sisters and staff. The following day on Thursday, December 31, 2015, a Mass of Resurrection was celebrated by Father Roy Pasala. She was buried at Calvary Cemetery in Alliance, Nebraska.

Sisters of Saint Francis of Penance Christian Charity, Marian Residence