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Sister Albertine Wald

August 30, 1925 - March 2, 2005

Sister Albertine Wald, 79, of Mount Saint Benedict Monastery, Crookston, MN, died March 2, 2005, at Villa Saint Vincent, where she resided since April 9, 2001.

The wake and prayer service will be at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery Chapel, Sunday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be in the chapel on Monday, March 7, at 10:30 a.m. Msgr. Roger Grundhaus will be the celebrant and homilist. Sister Albertine's two brothers, Rev. John Wald and Rev. Ed Wald will be concelebrants.

Ida Regina Wald was born in Karlsruhe, ND, the eleventh of thirteen children. Her parents, Michael and Anna Marie (Boehm) Wald, were born in Russia. Their families were among the many ethnic Germans who fled from military and economic oppression in Russia and settled near Karlsruhe in McHenry County, ND, where Michael and Anna Marie met and married. In 1926, the Wald family moved to a farm near East Grand Forks, MN, where Ida grew up.

Ida's religious vocation was inspired in part by her brothers in the seminary, John and Edward, who were later ordained as missionaries in the Society of Divine Word, Techny, IL. Other relatives and acquaintances, as well as the Benedictine Sisters from Crookston who taught in the Saturday religious education program at Sacred Heart School in East Grand Forks, also encouraged her. Ida received her elementary education in a rural school at Mallory, and her secondary education at Mount Saint Benedict Academy.

Ida entered the Benedictine community in Crookston in April, 1941, and on January 1, 1942, received the religious name, Sister Albertine. In 1948, she made her permanent commitment as a Benedictine sister at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery.

Sister Albertine attended Saint Cloud Hospital School of Nursing and Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Yankton, SD, where she completed her nursing education. She served as a registered nurse at hospitals in Mahanomen, Red Lake Falls, Crookston, Detroit Lakes and Browerville. She participated in the Gonzaga University Credo program in 1983.

She is remembered by her co-workers and former patients as the "perfect nurse," witty, brilliant, loving and lovable. She enjoyed sewing and was considered a talented seamstress. She also liked to bake. One sister said that Sister Albertine's idea of making a meal was seven courses---all desserts!

Sister Benita Deutsch was a powerful inspiration in Sister Albertine's prayer life and in her unstinting charity toward her sisters and the lay people who sought her out. One of her

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favorite sayings was "Little deeds of kindness, little words
of love, help to make earth happy like heaven above."

Since 1989 Sister Albertine was confined to the Mount Saint
Benedict Health Care Unit and later to Villa Saint Vincent.

Sister Albertine was preceded in death by her parents, two
sisters: Elizabeth Kraft and Rosina Wald, and five brothers:
Michael, Joseph, Frank, Jacob and Adam. She is survived by two
sisters: Anne Ziegler of Denver, CO and Mary Bujnovsky,
Chatsworth, CA, four brothers: Fathers John Wald and Ed Wald
of Techny, IL, and Alex (Edna) Wald, Thief River Falls, two
sisters-in-law, Regina (Adam) Wald, East Grand Forks, and
Christine (Joseph) Wald, Moorhead, MN, many other relatives
and her monastic community including her niece, Sister
Lorraine Kraft.

Memorials in honor of Sister Albertine Wald may be given to
Mount Saint Benedict Foundation, 620 Summit Ave., Crookston,
MN 56716.