

"Our lives are but a single breath  
We flower and we fade  
Yet all our days are in your hands  
So we return in love what love has made."  
- from Eye Has Not Seen

Dear Sisters and Associates:

As we return from the cemetery it seems as if we, with Sr. Elizabeth Ann, "returned in love what Love had made." Sr. Elizabeth Ann Evans died with a beautiful resignation to God's will on Sunday, May 29, 1994, about 1:00 p.m. at Holy Family Health Care Center. Her brothers; Henry and his wife, Helen; Joseph and his wife, Phyllis, were here.

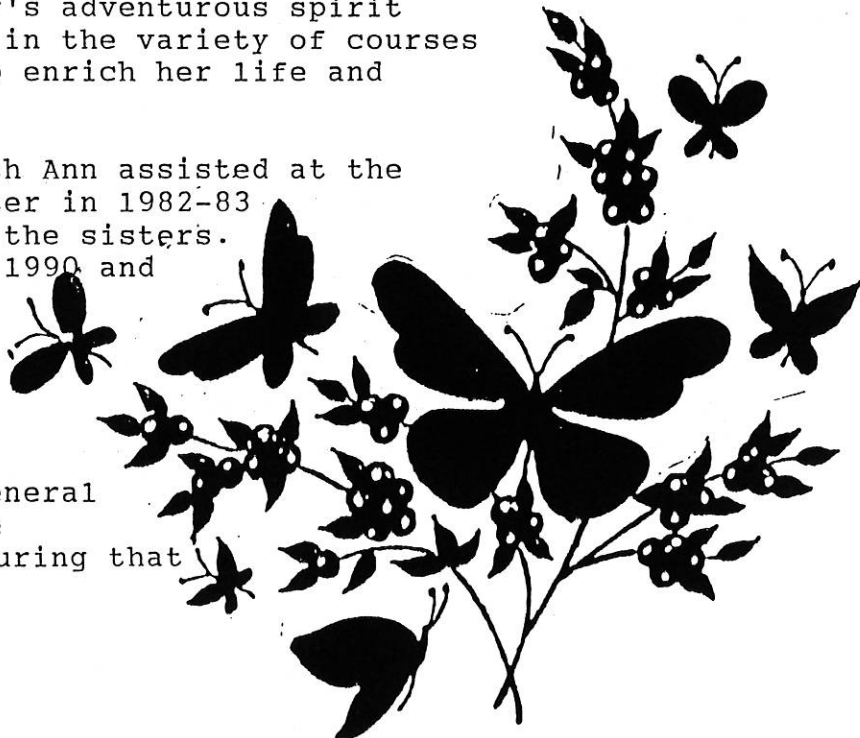
Sr. Elizabeth Ann was born February 28, 1925 to Henry R. and Elizabeth Stratman Evans in Omaha, Nebraska. She was the youngest of the family with three older brothers. Her brother, Very Rev. Francis Evans, CSsR, died in 1988. Besides her two brothers, Henry and Joseph, she is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Sr. Elizabeth Ann entered Victory Noll February 5, 1946. She made first vows on August 5, 1948.

She had been stationed in California, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, Iowa and Arizona in ministries of religious education and library science. Sister's adventurous spirit is very evident in the variety of courses she has taken to enrich her life and ministry.

Sr. Elizabeth Ann assisted at the Holy Family center in 1982-83 as a driver for the sisters. She returned in 1990 and was driver and assisted in Victory Noll library.

In 1992 she was appointed General Secretary to the congregation. During that



year Sister was diagnosed with breast cancer that spread to the brain and bones. Her weakening condition made it necessary for her to resign from that ministry that she was enjoying. Then she was driver for the sisters for several months. Early in 1994 she gradually became weaker and was bedfast. Her brothers, Joseph and Henry and their wives, had come earlier last week to visit. She recognized them and was pleased to have them near. Her condition was not critical until Sunday morning when there was little hope given for her to live through the day. Death came quickly.

Our sisters from Fort Wayne were present for the wake Monday evening at 7:00. The theme of the Night Prayer of the Church was creation, Creator God. Prayers of seed, blossom and flowers developing pictured our life on earth. Sr. Janet, as president, offered an invitation for family and sisters to offer tributes.

Joseph Evans gave remembrances of the happy childhood they had lived in their home. His short stories were delightful and we could see Sr. Elizabeth Ann had enjoyed her youth to the full.

Henry expressed his desire to give tribute to the sisters and nurses for the care he had seen given during the past months. As a social worker he said he had visited nursing care facilities at times. The Evans family appreciated very much that their sister was at Victory Noll Holy Family Health Care Center.

A number of sisters gave remembrances of compassion, love and concern they had received from Sr. Elizabeth Ann. In good times and in times less good, her presence and friendship were appreciated.

Liturgy of the Eucharist was May 31 at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Thomas Fahey was celebrant. Cross and candle bearers were: Srs. Mary Paula Fortier, Mary Lucille Huegel and Denise Dean. Sr. Francesca McGarry and Helen Evans laid the pall on the casket. Sr. Callista Ley was first reader and Phyllis Evans was second reader. Henry Evans assisted Father in the sanctuary.

Father's homily recalled for us that Sister had pledged her life for God and she kept the pledge. There is joy in heaven today and so it is here. Life in the womb is a development for life on earth. On earth there is further preparation for another life in heaven. For 69 years Sister had prepared for God. Today we celebrate our faith and her victory.

Sister Elizabeth Ann, you have been an example and strength to us, especially during this past year. Thank you for blessing our Congregation with your presence and thanks to your family for nurturing the little plant to blossom.

June 1, 1994

Peace of Christ and Mary,

*Sr. Marjorie Gerra*