

August 12, 1993.

Dear Sisters and Associates:

Today the Holy Family bulletin board is graced with a poster - a beautiful remembrance of Sister Marie Arteal Killian - who, this very week left our presence to join her Creator, Savior and Sanctifier in a Life promised to those who love.

On the poster - so symbolic of Sister Marie Arteal - her new clown badge, as yet so shiny, reads JOY PLEASERS. The words, "She was pleased to give joy as a loving ministry" explain the meaning of the photos of various works of love by which Sister has brought joy.

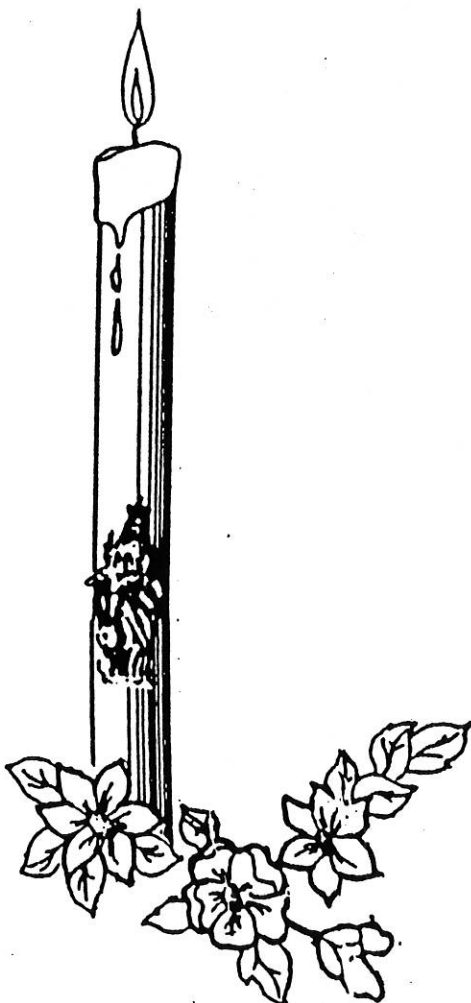
Sister Marie Arteal was active at the Assembly in June and at the lake for a few days. Her suffering, a condition of upper respiratory infection, caused her to enter Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Her hopes were high to be home to join her class for their Diamond Jubilee on August 5th, but oxygen, respirator and a will to renew her vows with her Sisters were not enough to bring the needed strength. The

medical condition developed into pneumonia and a weakness which made it difficult for her to speak so she wrote messages on paper and was very alert during these days. Though under the care of several specialists and receiving special treatments her condition did not improve and she died quietly on Monday, August 9,

Sisters Mary John and Mary Joan were at her bedside. During the day Sisters Monica, Sharon Rose and Camilla had been with her.

Early in the week the priest from St. Jude's parish anointed Sister. The chaplains from the hospital visited frequently during her stay.

Sister Marie Arteal Killian was born on December 25, 1945, to John and Josephine Killian at Lafayette, Indiana, the oldest of four girls. Her parents and two sisters preceded her in death. Violet lives at 1022 Aster St., Lake Placid, Florida, 33582.



Sister Marie Arteal entered Victory Noll on September 1, 1933, and made first profession September 8, 1936. She served in missions of Texas, Nevada, Kansas, Florida and Vermont in areas of religious education, social work and health care for forty seven years. She has been a cosmetologist and in a ministry to the ill at Victory Noll since 1983. In so many ways she used her talents in art and decorating, was an officer in Church Women United here in Huntington and last fall joined the clowning ministry.

"Hers was a soul inspired by beauty in all its forms" and it reflected in her works for the Lord. It also seemed to be the thoughts of her Sisters as expressions symbolic of her life were heard: "She was a beautiful woman", "so gracious", "sweet", "so colorful", "entertaining", "kind", "thoughtful",

Among the sharings from Sisters, family and friends who were present at the wake service on Friday evening, August 13, was a message of thanks from a former student, "Thank you for the special attention you gave me as a child - now I want to say a special thanks to you."

The Memorial Mass was celebrated by Father Fahey on Saturday morning, August 14, at 10:30. Sister Marie Arteal's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Shea. were present, our Sisters from Fort Wayne and a few friends from her clubs in town were also able to attend.

Father reflected with us, "Death is real". As a grain of wheat, what you sow is not brought to life until it dies. Considered as an enemy - we lose everything, our possessions, family, friends but in another sense it is a friend - a victory. Father also reminded us, "God has put eternity into every human heart". (Eccl.)

To Violet and her family, to all the relatives of Arteal, "We know that our Sister will ever be mindful of you and we ask God's blessing upon you in this loss."

Christ's Peace,

*Sister Marie*