

Sister Dora Wilke, O.L.V.M.

Sister Dora, O.L.V.M., the former Dorothy Wilke, died at Victory Noll Thursday, December 14, at 7:55 p.m.

Although Sister Dora was ill for a year, she was not confined to bed until a month before her death. Always ready to give herself unselfishly to helping her sisters, she was reluctant to put others to what she considered the trouble of waiting on her.

Sister Dora was born in Rotterdam, Holland, November 13, 1904, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Wilke. The family moved to the United States when Sister Dora was ten years old.

Sister entered Victory Noll from Chicago in April, 1927, and made her first profession of vows on August 15, 1929. For the last fourteen years she was stationed at Victory Noll. Before that she did mission work in the Southwest.

Two other members of Sister Dora's family are religious: Sister M. Alphonso and Sister M. Julien, both Sisters of the Holy Cross, St. Mary's, Notre Dame, Indiana. She is survived also by a brother, Walter C. Wilke, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and two sisters from Michigan City, Indiana: Mrs. F. W. Regan and Mrs. Johanna Willard.

Sister Dora's sisters, her brother-in-law, Mr. Regan, and a number of nieces and nephews attended her funeral. The services were held at Victory Noll Saturday, December 16, at 10:30 a.m.

The Very Rev. Msgr. James P. Conroy, chaplain, was celebrant of the Mass and conducted the burial service. Deacon of the Mass was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Crowley, editor of *Our Sunday Visitor*, who resides at Victory Noll. The Rev. Father Francis, O.F.M.Cap., St. Felix Friary, Huntington, was sub-deacon; and the Rev. Father Baldwin, O.F.M.Cap., master of ceremonies. Brother Bede, O.F.M.Cap., and Brother Melchior, O.F.M.Cap., were minor officers of the Mass. Acolytes were John Moran and Louis Stoffel of the Knights of Columbus Servers Club. Present also were the Rev. Edward A. Miller, pastor of St. Mary's church, Huntington; the Rev. Raymond Balzer, assistant pastor; and the Rev. John J. Sigstein, our Founder.

We beg you to keep Sister in your prayers together with the other Victory Noll Sisters who have preceded her in death. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.