



## SISTER MARY ERNESTINE TRYBUS

Sister Mary Ernestine (Emily Trybus), 85, who for 63 years has ministered as a Felician Sister with a peaceful spirit, died as she lived on May 27, 2010, at St. Anne Home, Greensburg, Pennsylvania after a lingering illness.

Emily was the sixth of seven children born on November 30, 1924, to Ladislaus and Anna (Mysliwa) Trybus, pious immigrants who made their home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. As a member of St. Cyprian Parish on the North Side, she grew to love the sisters who inspired her vocation.

Emily entered the Congregation in 1947, made first vows as Sister Mary Ernestine in 1949 and final profession in 1955.

Sister Mary Ernestine was a primary teacher, a ministry she fulfilled with total dedication and love for God's little ones. She taught in the dioceses of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Steubenville and Cleveland. She was professionally prepared for teaching having received a Bachelor and Master's degree in Education from Duquesne University.

After Sister left the classroom, she served the community as a nursing assistant at St. Joseph Hall Infirmary and a receptionist at McGuire Memorial. In these roles sister shared her capacity for understanding and compassion, qualities that endear her to those with whom and to whom she ministered.

As Sister Mary Ernestine's health declined she joined her sisters in the powerhouse of prayer and suffering of St. Francis Household. As long as sister was able she attended common prayer and meals with the sisters. In her room, she would often be found listening to inspirational music or spiritual conferences. She was also an avid reader of spiritual books. Sister maintained her interest in the events of the day and participated whenever she was able.

When Sister Mary Ernestine needed skilled care she agreed to be transferred to St. Anne Home in Greensburg where her last days were surrounded by attentive caregivers and the community of Felician Sisters some of whom were staff members and others who were residents.

After 63 years of religious life and a peaceful death, Sister Mary Ernestine fulfills a desire that she expressed on the occasion of her golden jubilee. She said, "I want to give new hope to those who are apprehensive of the future, bringing them Christian ideals, trust in God's divine mercy, and joyful anticipation of one's eternal meeting with Christ."

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated in the Convent Chapel on June 1, 2010. Rev. Richard L. Conboy, chaplain was the main celebrant with Rev. Edward J. Trzeciakowski concelebrating. Sister was laid to rest in the convent cemetery, Moon Township among all her beloved sisters who have gone before her.