OBITUARY OF

SISTER ANNE RIEDL, O.S.B.

June 5, 1932 – May 2, 2008

Sr. Anne Riedl was born on June 5, 1932 in Dillishausen, diocese of Augsburg, Germany to Josef and Karolina Riedl. The tenth of eleven children, she was baptized on June 12, 1932. She was confirmed on May 7, 1942. Two of her blood Sisters also joined the Congregation of Missionary Benedictine Sisters, Sister Bernolda who was professed in 1946 and Sr. Consilia who was professed in 1948 and died in Tutzing in 1967 at 46 yrs. of age. Her brother, Heinrich, was ordained a priest in 1961.

Sr. Anne attended elementary and vocational school in Germany. She attended the Mission School in Tutzing from 1948-1953 for teacher training. In 1953, Sr. Anne entered the Congregation of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters in Tutzing. She left Tutzing on March 30, 1954 for the United States and arrived in Norfolk, Nebraska on April 9, 1954. Sr. Anne made her first profession of vows on January 13, 1956 in Norfolk and her final profession in 1957 also in Norfolk. She became a U.S. citizen on November 19, 1959.

Sr. Anne's religious life was spent in Norfolk, Wayne, Columbus, Winnebago and Graceville, Minnesota where she was a diligent homemaker for the Sisters. Sr. Anne

could be counted on and be available, no matter how difficult or tedious the task. Teaching summer bible school, playing the organ for the community and helping in the laundry were other things that Sr. Anne enjoyed doing.

In 1959 Sr. Anne began suffering from double vision, violent headaches and associated physical symptoms. This was while she was studying at Duchesne College in Omaha. After referral to physicians in Omaha she was diagnosed with a brain tumor and subsequently had an operation to remove the tumor. Her rehabilitation was very slow because she had to relearn all basic tasks including speaking, eating and walking. The consequence of this surgery remained with her the rest of her life. She visited Germany in 1992 which was also the time of the death of her oldest sister, Antonia.

In 2001 Sr. Anne moved to the Monastery infirmary where she resided until the Sisters' temporary move due to their renovation project. Sr. Anne then moved to St. Joseph's Rehabiliation and Care Center in Norfolk in November 2007 where she resided until her death on May 2, 2008.

Sr. Anne considered her state of life, a vowed Benedictine religious woman to be her perpetual vocation. She is survived by three siblings, Sr. Bernolda Riedl who resides in Windhoek, Namibia, Fr. Heinrich Riedl and Maria Wunderle who both reside in Germany, nieces and nephews and her monastic community.

The rosary and wake for Sr. Anne were held at Home for Funerals and the funeral Mass at St. Mary's Church in Norfolk, followed by graveside prayer at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

We Missionary Benedictine Sisters of the Norfolk Priory commend our Sister Anne Riedl to the prayer of all our Sisters and friends.

Sister Kevin Hermsen O.S.B.
Prioress and the Sisters of the Norfolk Priory