

CULLMAN—Sister Scholastica Warkman, O.S.B., died Sunday morning, December 18, at Sacred Heart Monastery after a lengthy illness, in the 96th year of her life and the 65th year of her Monastic Profession. Sister Janet Marie Flemming, Prioress, Sister Bernadette Sachs, Subprioress, and a number of Sisters gathered at her bedside to pray for her and to sing Marian hymns which she loved.

Rev. Kevin McGrath, O.S.B., Monk of St. Bernard Abbey, will preside at the Mass of Resurrection on Wednesday, December 21. Sister Janet Marie will preside at Sister's interment in Sacred Heart Monastery Cemetery, with the Very Reverend Cletus Meagher, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Bernard Abbey, assisting.

Born Mildred Florence Warkman in Huntington, West Virginia, she was later baptized at St. Peter and Paul Parish in Chattanooga, TN, where she also attended Notre Dame School through her graduation from high school. Encouraged by her pastor, she fulfilled an early dream when she entered Sacred Heart Monastery in 1934. She became a novice and received the prestigious name of Scholastica in 1935, made her temporary profession in 1936, and her final profession in 1939.

In training for the ministry of education, she earned a B.S. in Education at State Teachers College in Florence, AL, and some years later an M.A. in Library Science at George Peabody College in Nashville, TN.

For many years she taught in elementary schools throughout the Diocese of Mobile and in secondary schools at Sacred Heart Academy in Cullman and John Carroll High School in Birmingham. Eventually, she concentrated her energies on administering libraries at Pensacola Catholic High, John Carroll High, and Sacred Heart College. In her last active years she was librarian in the Monastic Library at Sacred Heart Monastery.

Always devoted to her faith and to prayer, Sister Scholastica for a time led a local Scripture Study Group. When her devoted mother, Emma Warkman, moved to Benedictine Manor, Sister Scholastica was able to spend quality time with her.

Sister Scholastica is survived by her Benedictine Sisters and by many friends in Cullman, some of whom were in her Scripture Study Group for some years.