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Memorandum

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Subject: Death of Sister Mary Piniana Klein

Dear Sisters and Colleagues,

I am sad to inform you that Sister M. Piniana Klein, age 97, passed peacefully this morning into the arms of our loving God. She has been hospitalized at Ascension Mercy Hospital for the past week for multiple health issues. She was to have been discharged today.

Sister Piniana, one of five girls and two boys, was born to Franz and Franziska Klein in Germany on December 26, 1926. She is survived by two sisters, Frieda Fersch and Lidwina Bayer. She is preceded in death by two brothers, Johann and Michael, and two sisters, Maria and Franziska.

Homecoming will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at Franciscan Courts in Oshkosh. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 20th, followed by burial in Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Oshkosh, WI. Father William Hower will be the presider. Homecoming and Funeral Mass services will be livestreamed at the following link: [SSM Franciscan Courts Live Stream](#)

Sister Piniana loved her work in the sacristy and her sewing work. She was always “happy to do it for the Lord.” We already miss her sweet smile and gentle spirit. May she rest in the loving peace of God.

Blessings,

Sr. Lois Bush, Regional Superior