



Mallinckrodt Convent
350 Bernardsville Road
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Dear Sisters and Companions of Pauline,

“She has fought the good fight; she has finished the race. She is now awaiting her crown of glory.” These paraphrased words of St. Paul aptly expresses the last several weeks of Dolores Shankweiler’s life and eventual “home-going” to heaven on May 10, 2010.

Dolores Shankweiler was born on May 18, 1931 in Allentown, PA, the daughter of Anne (Ciocco) and Leonard Germano. She was the wife of Charles Shankweiler for many years prior to his passing on in 1995.

Dolores is survived by her sons Gary and his wife Sharon; Jeffrey and his wife Mary Theresa; her daughter Mary Ann and son-in-law Kevin; nine grandchildren; brother Michael “Skip” Germany; and several nieces and nephews.

As a living proof of her love for children, once Dolores retired she volunteered as an aide in both kindergarten and Pre-K at Our Lady Help of Christians School, Allentown where her own children attended school. Each time I would visit the school, Dolores would be there with the children, assisting them at their centers, helping them with their snacks, and buttoning coats and sweaters...all in a loving and unassuming way. She was an invaluable help in both classrooms! This could no doubt be attributed to the fact that she had a personal ritual of prayer each day before she would go off to school.

Dolores was especially devoted to her patron saint, Our Lady of Sorrows. She often spoke about praying the Seven Dolor Rosary along with her other prayers. As a Companion of Pauline she never missed a meeting. She would eagerly participate in the holy hour before the Eucharist and then engage in the program afterwards and would enjoy the socializing. She was an active member of her parish, Our Lady Help of Christians, Allentown.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dolores Shankweiler. We all have another saint in heaven!

Sincerely,

Sister Joseph Spring, S.C.C.

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