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Dear Sisters and Companions of Pauline,

As the Sisters here in the Motherhouse were gathered in days of prayer in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we received the news that Companion of Pauline Ida M. Tamburry of Camp Hill, PA, mother of our Sister Emma Marie, was called home to God in the morning hours of December 1, surrounded by her loving family.

Ida was born on May 7, 1912 in Frostburg, MD. She was one of nine children, having two sisters and six brothers. Only the two youngest brothers are still living. When the youngest, Louis, was born in 1927, Ida's mother, having a heart condition, was unable to take care of him. As a result, Ida withdrew from high school to take care of her youngest brother. They have always been close.

Ida and her husband who died in 1995 had five girls, Emma (Sister Emma Marie), Louise, Mary Jo and Annie. Rosemary died of cancer in 1992.



Ida was a woman of many talents and interests. According to S.Emma Marie, her mother liked to bake chocolate chip cookies especially at Christmas time to give as gifts.

At the Mass of Christian Burial on December 6 at St. Margaret Mary Church, Father began his homily by reciting the following quote: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life". He urged the congregation to celebrate the life of a woman of faith, Mrs. Tamburry. She believed that quote by demonstrating trust that God was with her in the good times as well as the hard times.

He told the congregation that the day before she received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, she was fully aware of her condition; she knew the Lord was coming. She tried to say the prayers and

she made the sign of the cross. She seemed to be at peace and there was peace in the room.

Ida took the hand of the Blessed Mother who led Ida to Her Son. The reception of the Lord was very important to her. Father reminded all assembled that we honor Ida by allowing the Lord Jesus to grow in us. We thank God for the peace He has given to Ida. We thank God for the gift of Ida and all the blessings he has given to her.

He completed his homily by reiterating the quote he began with: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." We honor Ida by allowing the Lord to be "...our Way, and Truth and Life."

Ida was a woman of both prayer and action. In her initial interview in becoming a Companion of Pauline, she shared with S.Cecilia Hock, the coordinator for the Harrisburg group, that she prayed the rosary each morning and evening, went to Mass nearly every day, read the Bible and prayed part of the Office each day. S.Cecilia who has since gone home to God, too, made a note on the interview paper that Ida is "a fervent, devout Catholic who says that she prays all day." One of the Eucharistic Ministers remarked:... "Ida was a real special person to me and I will miss her".

All of our Companions of Pauline and the Sisters of Christian Charity join me in extending heartfelt sympathy to S.Emma Marie and all members of the Tamburly family. Ida, faithful Companion of Pauline, now joins Pauline in seeing God face to face.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sister Joseph Spring, S.C.C." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sister Joseph Spring, SCC