

Tribute...

To the Editor:

I would like to write this letter of tribute in memory of my dear friend Lenora Buch who passed away last Nov. 23rd on Thanksgiving Day, and whose sale we held on June 2nd here in Harlan. Lenora was always one who gave thanks for everything so how appropriate that the Lord would take her home on this special day.

She played an important part in my life, both as a special friend and a good example of how we should live. I never heard her say a bad word about anyone.

Many do not know, but she spent many years in Clyde, MO as a professed sister of the Order of St. Benedict before coming home to Harlan to take care of her sick and dying brother Nick in the early 1970's.

Her name was Sister Mary Placid, which means peaceful. This perfectly describes Lenora in her simple, humble, lifestyle as a true servant of the Lord. She was indeed a true bride of Christ all of her life, and a good example for all of us in how to live and love our Lord.

She always told me how precious our Catholic faith is and that we should be so thankful for this great gift. She loved Jesus in the blessed sacrament of the Holy Eucharist so very much. She prayed many long hours in front of Him in the tabernacle

at church. She also prayed many rosaries, and attended mass as often as she could. She would make the stations of the cross almost daily, say many litneys, and, say novenas of prayer, especially when someone asked her to pray for them.

She also loved the simple things in life such as her gardening, her cat, and flowers. She worked at the Baptist Memorial Home for many years where I would always see her when I visited my grandmother.

She would tell me how Jesus died for each one of us and is saving us a home in heaven where we all hope to meet again one great day.

I thank everyone who played an important part in Lenora's life and for all those who helped in any way from the time of her death last Nov. to her sale on June 2nd which was a great success. It is greatly appreciated and I am sure Lenora will be smiling down upon all of you from heaven above.

I would like to end with a quote from St. Anthony of Padua that describes Lenora Buch so well; "A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine others through word and deed, with the light of good example."

See poem by Lenora on page 5A.

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Waste not the golden moments,
Oh, treasure them with care.
For just as each is spent,
Shall be eternity, ill or fair.
Oh! Think in one brief moment,
A little whispered prayer,
Might from the fire of purgatory,
A soul to Heaven bear.
And think in a thoughtless moment,
One word in scoffing air,
May a sinner's heart have crushed,
And driven to despair.
Then grasp the priceless moments,
Treasure the jewels rare,
In thy crown in Heaven,
Jesus will place them there.

By Lenora Buch, Aug. 31, 1946