

Death Notice

SISTER MARIA CAROLITA

ND 3980

Anneliese KALB



Maria Regina Province, Coesfeld, Germany

Date and Place of Birth:	October 6, 1927	Bendorf-Mülhofen, Ct. Mayen-Koblenz
Date and Place of Profession:	August 10, 1950	Mülhausen
Date and Place of Death:	May 9, 2017	Krefeld, Hospital
Date and Place of Funeral:	May 15, 2017	Mülhausen, Convent Cemetery

Sister Maria Carolita was the third child born to Josef and Elisabeth Kalb in Bendorf, County Mayen-Koblenz. She and her three brothers spent their happy, carefree childhood in the beautiful Rhine valley between Eifel and Westerwald. The Rhine was the lifeline that offered a living for the family because the father owned a factory where the pebbles from the Rhine were used to create material for the construction of roads and buildings.

After completing the basic primary and secondary school, Anneliese attended a business school and took charge of part of the administrative work in her parents' factory. Both in her family and among her friends, her childhood and youth were marked by a joyful and open commitment to the Catholic Church, which demanded courage and led to conflicts at the time of National Socialism.

In the Heinrichhaus in Neuwied-Engers, she got to know the Sisters of Notre Dame. She admired their engagement with disabled children and youth, and felt the wish to join the Congregation.

On January 30, 1948, she started her formation for religious life in the provincial center in Mülhausen and made her first vows on August 10, 1950. After her novitiate, she attended a special seminar for nursery teachers and worked for more than forty years as a nursery teacher and principal of various kindergartens, especially in Düsseldorf and Mönchengladbach.

Sister M. Carolita was happy, open-minded, and outgoing. Her welcoming friendliness attracted the hearts of the children, parents, and co-workers. She was interested in the affairs all over the world and grateful for each day. She loved the community prayer, her community, and encounters with other people.

In 2011, she moved to House Salus because vision problems impaired her physical abilities, so that she needed special care. A co-sister was constantly by her side to help her so that she could continue to participate in events that were interesting for her. Until the end of her life, she maintained close contacts with her family and her former co-workers.

In spite of her age and almost complete blindness, she loved life, so that her sudden death by a stroke affected us very much. In His goodness, God did not let her suffer long but called her home in the early morning of May 9. May she rest in peace.