



**SISTER  
M. LORETTA VOLK, P.H.J.C.**



**December 31, 1922 – December 4, 2010**

**Professed Vows June 25, 1947**

**SISTER M. LORETTA (ERNESTINE) VOLK, P.H.J.C.**

Sister Loretta was born Ernestine Philomena Volk the daughter of Anton and Catherine (Kuenstler) Volk on December 31, 1922, in Wendelin, Illinois.

Sister Loretta grew up along with her siblings: Marie (Sister Antionette), Virgil, Anton, Don, Louis, and Ethel (Zwilling) in the Holy Cross Parish.

Prior to entering the convent, she stayed home to help her mother with six children in her family. On September 8, 1944, she entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Convent. Siter Loretta would profess her vows on June 25, 1947.

Sister Loretta received her B.S. in Education and her master's in Education and then went to teach in Chicago, Illinois, Edwardsville, Illinois, Beckemeyer, Illinois, Mishawaka, Indiana, and East Chicago, Indiana. She later became principal in Hecker, Illinois.

When she retired from teaching and administration, Sister Loretta became a wonderful Sister Hostess at St. Mary Medical Center in Gary, Indiana, and St. Catherine Hospital in East Chicago, Indiana.

Sister Loretta passed away on December 4, 2010, at the Catherine Kasper Life Center in Donaldson, Indiana. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Reverend Fathers Robert Zwilling, James Buerster, and Ed Konerman, S.J. on December 9, 2010, with burial in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Donaldson, Indiana.

