



A LIFE REMEMBERED: Sister Germaine Welford FMDM 2 June 1932—19 February 2017

Dora Mary Josephine Welford was born in Morden, Surrey on the 2nd June 1932. Affectionately known as Dors, she was one of a family of siblings, 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

Germaine attended St. Mary Magdalen's, Brighton and St. Francis of Assisi, Kensington schools and spent six years in St. Margaret's Canning Town run by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary where she learned and excelled in needlework skills – she

always said these were very happy years for her where she made many life-long friends.

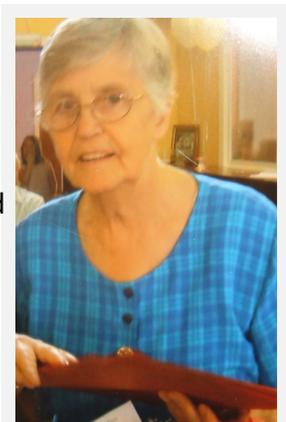


On 7 October 1953, Germaine began her Postulancy and made her First Profession of Vows on 9 April 1956. She was gifted with sewing and upholstery, did the habits and liturgical vestments and these were shared with those at home and the Missions. Her gift of great patience, teaching so many to sew both by hand and by machine, was very evident to all who spent any time in the sewing room as part of their Novitiate training.

In 1973 Germaine was assigned to Mount Alvernia, Gibraltar, did a short stint in Zambia and spent 15 happy years in Cupar, Scotland where she did great work as a Volunteer at Age Concern.

Germaine had a great love for her family and her niece, Irene visited her regularly in Ladywell. In 1999 her brother, Anthony, was found dead in his house and Germaine was devastated at that time because she was very close to him.

In 2008 Germaine was transferred from Scotland to La Verna in Ladywell, the community for our elderly Sisters.



May Sr. Germaine rest in peace.

On 19th February 2017, Germaine died peacefully in La Verna Ladywell. May she now rest in peace.

Requiem Mass was held in Ladywell Convent on 2 March 2017 followed by the burial service in Ladywell cemetery.

EULOGY by Sr. Anne Spratt