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## **A Life Remembered (1935—2015)**

**Sister Monica Cecily Pau**

**FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY OF THE DIVINE MOTHERHOOD**

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On 6 October 2015, Sister Monica Pau passed away peacefully in Mount Alvernia Hospital in Singapore after months of illness. She has served in Singapore for 24 years and was 80.

Her body was cremated on 8 October 2015.

Monica was born on 17 August 1935 in Hong Kong, the third of seven children in a staunch Catholic family. She was educated in St Teresa's Convent School at Kampong Bahru, Singapore.

In 1960, Monica entered the FMDM congregation. She received her religious formation under the FMDM motherhouse in the United Kingdom (UK) and made her Final Profession in 1968 in England. Monica received her professional training in Ireland and the UK, including Nursing Training, Religious Studies and Clinical Pastoral Care. In the UK, she served as a staff nurse in Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford, from 1989 to 1991.

When she returned to Singapore in 1991, Sr Monica became the Matron of Villa Francis at Mandai, for two years. She also served as a nursing sister at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Singapore, where she worked in the operating theatre, recovery room and the Central Surgical Supply Department (CSSD).

From 2001 to 2013, Sr Monica first served as a part time staff in the recovery room at Mount Alvernia Hospital and later assisted around the Hospital, visiting the sick where she was needed. Monica will also be remembered for her dedication in visiting Little India with church groups, to bring food and minister to the migrant workers there, on top of her other work at the hospital. In the last two years however, Sr Monica's failing health and advanced age reduced her activities and other involvements.

Whilst we mourn the loss of Monica, we also celebrate her life and thank God for the life she has lived, a woman of great faith and a deep devotion to Mary, the Mother of God.

May Monica now rest in peace.