

On January 12 at 4:40am **Sister Julia Wada Noriko** died in our monastery at the age of 90 years having completed 56 years of monastic profession.

At the end of November Sister Julia fell and fractured her right hip joint. She was operated on, and one month later returned from the hospital to the monastery. She joked that since she had previously broken her bones on the left side and received a metal implant, “now I am a hard core Trappistine!” After leaving hospital, she felt energized and walked around the same as before, celebrating New Year's Day with all the community.

Two days ago, her condition worsened after Mass and she had no had no appetite, but could speak very well. Last night, as usual she talked with the sisters before taking her rest. Then after Vigils this morning when the sister went to the infirmary to see her she discovered that Sister had just died. Typically, she quietly slipped away without causing any trouble to anyone.

Sister Julia was born in Shizuoka City where she experienced a very harsh life after the war. She entered Nishinomiya and then came to Nasu 12 years after its foundation. For many years she worked in the vegetable garden and was always available to help the community in any way. Even after becoming quite old, she was very fast at preparing vegetables and sorting beans. She would also go to the scriptorium to read theology books and books on biblical studies, especially the lecture notes by Father Abry, s.v.d.

We entrust Sister Julian to your prayers.

short curriculum vitae

1 9 2 6	Dec. 4	born in Shizuoka City
1 9 5 6	May 20	entered Nishinomiya
1 9 5 8	May 18	reception of the habit
1 9 6 0	Nov. 21	first profession of vows
1 9 6 3	Nov. 16	solemn profession
1 9 6 6	Dec. 17	arrived in Nasu
2 0 1 7	Jan. 12	return to the Father

Jan. 12、 7 PM : Vigil service、 Jan. 13、 10 AM Mass of Christian burial

The Abbess and Community of Nasu