



Sr. Charlotte Josephine McNeill was born at Cushendall, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim on 21st October 1934 to James McNeill and Margaret McLarnon, one of six girls. At 16 years of age, she entered and was Finally Professed, as a member of the Sisters of the Cross & Passion. She taught in England, then for 20 years in Francistown, Botswana, Africa. At age 49 she came for a three-month live-in to Glencairn in April 1983. At the end of that period, she asked to be accepted for her period of probation. She received the Cistercian Habit on 15th October 1983 and, after 3 years, made Solemn Profession on 15th October 1986.

For many years, Sr. Charlotte worked mainly in our farmyard. After living alone for a few months in various places, she agreed to be Superior for two years in the Cistercian house in Makkyiad, Kerala, India. After a while on her return to Glencairn, she left in 2006 to live a solitary life, moving, when necessary, from one residence to another. Eventually, while living in

Tipperary, her health became so precarious, due mostly to a heart condition, that she was persuaded, after 12 years of independent living, to return in 2019 to Glencairn.

Very interested in people, and of a very sociable nature, Sr. Charlotte was a lively, cheerful and affable presence in our community. Despite increasing ill-health, she did not complain but accepted the limitations imposed on her with patience, joining as fully as health would allow, in community life. When, sadly, she developed cancer of the oesophagus, preventing her from swallowing solid foods, she endured this deprivation and also increasing pain, including severe back pain, again with courage. She was grateful for the loving service and care of the Community, especially the Sisters who were mostly involved, and all our good Local Carers.

Sr. Charlotte went very peacefully to the Lord, in the presence of her praying Community, at 5.20 p.m. on Thursday 7th November, 2024.

May she rest in the eternal bliss of the Lord.