



## Obituary

**Sr. Mellita Wolf OP**

**27 April 1931 – 1 March 2026**

*Amen, I say to you:  
whatever you did for one of the least of  
these brothers and sisters of mine,  
you did for me.*

*Matthew 25:40*



Sr. Mellita was born on 27 April 1931 as the eldest of four children in Hausen, a small village between Miltenberg and Aschaffenburg, and was christened Emma Kordula.

From an early age and after finishing school, she helped out at home with the housework and in her father's tailor shop.

Her desire to go on a mission was supported by a priest who put her in touch with the Dominican Sisters of Neustadt. Against her parents' wishes, she entered the convent there at the age of 19 on 1 May 1950, received the name Sr. Mellita at her clothing ceremony, and took her vows on 30 April 1952.

From 1953 to 1955, she worked in housekeeping at a girls' dormitory run by the Dominican Sisters in Frankfurt before being transferred to California in the summer of 1955 for a new foundation. There she worked for 10 years in the housekeeping department of a Dominican convent and then until 1973 in other communities in California, also in housekeeping.

After spending several months studying in Rome, she was sent to Argentina in 1974 to help establish a new community. Sister Mellita was one of the four pioneers of the Oakford Dominican Sisters in Argentina. For five years, she worked as a catechist in the parish in the province of Misiones. From 1979 to 1991, she was involved in setting up a retirement home in Obera. Sr. Mellita worked closely with the board to secure support for the retirement home and the elderly people in her care. She worked hard and compassionately and gave generously to all those in need.

She also served as a Local Superior there and was appreciated for her piety, warmth, storytelling skills and sense of humour. Sr. Mellita was well known in the barrios – the neighbourhoods – and beyond; she was a respected figure in the local church and also among the authorities. In the communities, she proclaimed God's message not only with words, but above all through her example: through love for her neighbour and through appreciation of the simple things in life: shared housework, a conversation about everyday worries, a simple meal or a quiet moment of prayer.

In 1991, she was transferred back to Germany, to Flörsheim, and found it difficult to say goodbye to Argentina.

Until recently, she kept in touch by telephone in Castilian Spanish with Andrea, a woman from Argentina whom she had looked after as a little girl.

She lived and worked at the St. Mary Hospital in Flörsheim for 11 years until 2002, including in the bed centre.

From 2002 to 2017, she belonged to the community in Dießen, where she worked at the gate and looked after guests at the local convent. She was popular with the guests; her friendliness and generosity were her hallmarks there too – especially towards people in need who knocked on the convent door. She accepted people in their need as they were.

Due to her health limitations, she moved to the St. Martin Senior Centre in Lohr in 2017. Since September 2023, she had been living in the community at the Kist Senior Residence, cared for by her fellow sisters.

Despite her limitations, she retained her positive charisma, humour and friendliness until the end and was loved by everyone who knew her.

A few weeks before her 95th birthday, she died in the early hours of Sunday, 1 March, after a short illness, lovingly accompanied by her fellow sisters and the nursing staff.

"If you want to see something of the world, you have to go to a convent." This sentence, which she liked to quote, came true for her and made her shine. Not only did the outside world open up to her, but also the inner world. She loved to read and was interested in many things. She was a deeply religious person and a woman of prayer. She spent as much time as possible in prayer with her God, drawing strength from it. Her greatest wish was to be with God forever, as she had written on a piece of paper. And she brought people closer to this God and his love through her smile, her love and many shared moments.

Despite travelling the world, she kept in touch with her parents, siblings and their families back home throughout the years, through letters and mutual visits. She even preached in her home parish in the 1980s. In Kist, too, she received regular visits from her relatives until her death.

Her cheerful disposition, radiant smile and great gratitude are qualities that will be remembered about her.

She remains alive in the hearts of many people – as a strong woman full of humanity, joy and kindness, with a radiant, open smile, dry humour and a fitting wit.

Sr. Mellita was described as a woman "of impressive energy and commitment: she was always on the go with a smile on her face and an open ear for anyone seeking advice and comfort. Despite her petite stature, she had a strong character, clarity and determination, and the ability to lead a group when necessary."

With gratitude and appreciation, we now look back on her life as a religious sister, as a fellow sister and on her commitment to people.

Thank you, dear Sr. Mellita, for your rich life.  
May you now be safe in the love of God.