

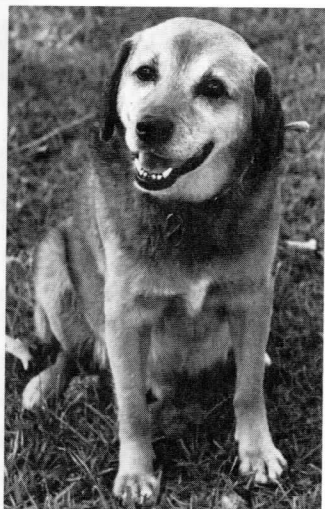
to a filling but plain meal that included an excellent potato and bean soup, a hot pasta dish, and very good bread made that morning by one of the monks.

Typical of monastery life, one monk does not eat with the others. Instead, he is the appointed reader. Throughout the meal he reads aloud from several books. One is on the lives of the saints and he reads of the saint whose feast day is celebrated that day (this day honors the feast of St. Peter of Verona). There are readings from the Old Testament, from the New Testament, and from the book: "The Rule of St. Benedict."

After lunch, the monks return to work. There are animals to be attended, more work on the chapel, plants to be watered and beds to be raked in the garden. The prayer of the canonical hour of "None" briefly interrupts their work.

The visitors are left on their own. There's time to visit the chapel, time for a walk through the grounds, for a visit to the small cemetery where there's only one grave now, but where the section for future monks, for lay people who might want to be buried there, are already defined.

The small lake in the center of the grounds offers a restful spot to stop and watch the ducks as they swim and beg food from your hand.



IN MEMORIAM

RUSTY II

BORN - MAY 3, 1980

DIED - MAY 3, 1993

"Forever Faithful"