

SISTER M. BENITA GROJEAN
240. FEBRUARY 24, 1941

Sister Benita, formerly Mary Teresa Grojean, died at the Motherhouse on Monday, February 24, 1941, at 12:55 p.m. Her death was the result of metastatic carcinoma involving ribs, vertebrae and the left lung following carcinoma of the left breast. Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 27, at 8:15 a.m. with burial in St. John Cemetery, Joliet.

Mary Teresa was born in New Hamburg, MO, on October 4, 1888, to Constantine and Margaret Bucher Grojean. Mary Teresa came to the postulancy from Kit Carson, Colorado, on December 24, 1911, at the age of 23. She became Sister Benita on August 12, 1912, when she began her Novitiate. She pronounced her First Vows on August 12, 1914, and her Final Vows on August 12, 1919. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee in 1939 with Sisters: Anacleta, Basilissa, Adela, Honoria, Dolores, Adelene, Clementia, Isidore, Ildephonse, Tarcissius, and Anthony.

Sister Benita did domestic work because of her difficulty in hearing. Her missions included:

1913-14 St. Dionysius, Cicero, IL

1914-15 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL Sewing Room

1915-40 Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL

October 6, 1940, Sister Benita came home to the Motherhouse Infirmary, suffering from cancer. She became steadily worse as the cancer spread and finally died of it on February 24, 1941.

Sister Benita was a member of the large relationship of our Sisters from Southeast Missouri.