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Sister Emily Ferris

The Reception meeting of the Illinois Chapter of the I.F.C.A. had scarcely begun when Sister Mary, Emily Ferris passed to her eternal reward, shortly after eight o'clock in the evening on Saturday, April 30, 1938. Reverend Mother Thomasine had left her bedside only shortly before she was compelled to leave to welcome the Alumnae guests, as previously arranged for the program.

At the time of her death Sister Emily was in the eighty-sixth year of her age and the fifty-ninth of her religious life. Her death was the result of senile arterio-sclerosis, chronic myocarditis and acute cardiac dilatation. Sister Emily had been in the infirmary since the summer of 1936. She was not confined to bed, but because of her age she needed care and attention. For several months before her death she was confined to bed constantly.

Sister Mary Joseph Ferris, an aunt of Sister Emily was at least ten years older than Sister Emily. In spite of her advanced age, Sister Joseph was still comparatively active in mind and body, though not able to go to her funeral. She could, however, attend the Solemn Requiem Mass.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 3, at 8:30 o'clock. After the recitation of the Office of the Dead, the Solemn Requiem Mass was offered by the Rev. Nicholas Christoffel, OFM, of Corpus Christi Friary, Chicago, and one of the Delegates for Religious Communities of Women. Rev. Angelus Ziviesler, OFM, chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital was deacon, and Rev. Cassian Nothbauer, OFM, chaplain at the Guardian Angel Home, subdeacon.

Burial took place in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet, with Rev. Nicholas Christoffel officiating at the grave.