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Our Sister M. Delphine Krivanek this evening, October 21st, at 7:40 o'clock closed a long life of service, having lived in the Community sixty-six years and having attained the ninetieth year of her age.

Sister had entered the Community from St. Wenceslas parish, Chicago, and had done varied work since she first went on mission in 1885 as housekeeper. In 1891 she started teaching primary grades and was re-appointed to this work for twenty years. She served as sacristan for several years, and in 1923 came to the Motherhouse for sewing. With interruptions totaling three years, she continued to sew for the Community at the Motherhouse until 1945. Through all these years Sister Delphine was a patient, conscientious and cheerful worker. She was moreover a true religious, as her regular life, spirit of poverty and love of prayer attested.

Since her retirement six years ago, Sister had been a patient in the infirmary, suffering from myocarditis. The last years she grew ever thinner and weaker and yearned 'for Jesus to come and take her'. She often prayed aloud for this, and when Death came it was for her the fulfillment of an ardent desire.

Funeral services were held at the Motherhouse on Wednesday, October 24th. His Excellency Bishop McNamara presiding at the Solemn Requiem Mass. The Rt. Rev. Ambrose Ondrak, OSB, Abbot of St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, was the celebrant of the Mass. Rev. Richard Shonka, OSB, was deacon, and Rev. Wilfred Cool, OFM, was subdeacon. Rev. Justus Nelles, OFM, and the Rev. Gervase Brinkman, OFM, served as arch priests. Rev. Emilian Shonka, OSB, was assitant priest. Rev. Timothy Marceau, OSB, was master of ceremonies; and Rev. Roman Galliardi, OSB, was the master of ceremonies of the minor clerics.

Burial was made at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Abbot Ondrak officiating.