

SISTER M. BAPTISTA,, O.S.F.

It was 2:30 Wednesday morning, October 24, that Death slipped into the room at St. Joseph's Hospital where Sister Baptista lay in a coma.

Sister had entered the hospital for gall bladder surgery on Saturday, October 20th. The surgery, apparently, was successful, but the heart that had been beating for over 77 years was tired, and Sister slipped quietly away as Mother Borromeo, and Mother Immaculate watched at her side.

Sister Baptista was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 22nd of May, 1885, and entered the postulancy on December 7, 1901. She received the Habit on the 12th of August the following year.

Sister's first assignment in 1903 was to St. Procopius, Chicago, where she taught until 1913, returning again in 1919. She remained there until 1924, when after a year at St. Joseph, Joliet, and two at St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, she went to St. Procop's, Cleveland. Here she taught from 1927 to 1941 and from 1943 to 1948. Sister taught also at St. Ludmilla's, Sacred Heart, SS. Peter & Paul, and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Chicago, and Holy Family, Cleveland, Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, and St. Stephen, Streator. Streator was to be Sister's last mission. In the spring of 1962 she came home to Our Lady of Angels.

Sister was scheduled for later surgery pending the outcome of the operation on October 20th. Could she have had a choice in the matter, she would probably have wanted to go when and as she did.

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