

## SISTER M. CLARA STEPHEN

449. DECEMBER 2, 1968

Sister M. Clara, formerly Amelia Stephen, of Joliet, IL, died at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, on December 2, 1968, at 6:45 a.m. The cause of death was chronic hypertension with cardio renal disease. Sister Clara was in her 90th year and the 65th of her religious life. Funeral services were held in Our Lady of Angels Chapel at 10 a.m. with two of Sister's cousins as celebrants: Father Michael Hills and Father Dominic Limacher, current chaplain at Our Lady of Angels. Burial took place in Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL.

Amelia was born on September 13, 1879, to John and Rachel Schall Stephen of Joliet. She was one of nine children. Amelia entered the postulancy on February 1, 1902. She became Sister Clara on August 12, 1902, when she began Novitiate. She pronounced her First Vows on August 12, 1904, and her Final Vows on August 12, 1910. Sister Clara celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 1954 and her Diamond Jubilee in 1964.

Sister Clara's Mission Record included:

1903-05	St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL	Grades 3,4
1905-10	Sacred Heart, Englewood, IL	Grades 1-4
1910-15	St. Mary, Columbus, OH	Grades 4-6
1915-17	Sts. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL	Grades 7,8
1917-20	St. Francis de Sales, Chicago, IL	Grade 8
1920-26	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Convalescing/Sewing
1926-29	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH	Sewing
1929-61	St. Francis Preparatory, Joliet, IL	Seamstress/Sacristan
1961-62	St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL	Seamstress for aspirants
1962-68	Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL	Retired

Sister Clara is survived by two sisters: Sister M. Loyola, also a resident at Our Lady of Angels; Mrs. Adeline Murphy of Des Plaines, two nieces, Mrs. James Tynon, Mrs. William Freis, three cousins: Rev. Albert Limacher, OFM; Rev. Dominic Limacher, OFM; Rev. Richard Hills of Joliet.

Sister Clara was preceded in death by four sisters: Mrs. Clara Nussbaum, Mrs. Mary Heintz, Mrs. Frances Nussbaum, Mrs. Josephine Wellnitz, and two brothers: John and Raymond Stephen.