

SISTER M. LOYOLA STEPHEN

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Sister M. Loyola, formerly Eleanore Stephen, died at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL, on Saturday, May 24, 1969, at 5:30 p.m. in her 86th year and the 59th of her religious life. The cause of death was hypertension and myocardial insufficiency. Funeral services were held at Our Lady of Angels Chapel with her cousin Rev. Dominic Limacher, OFM, officiating. Burial was made in Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL.

Eleanore born on November 8, 1883, was one of nine children. John and Richardis Schall Stephen, natives of Alsace-Lorraine emigrated to the United States of America to settle in the Joliet area as farmers. Eleanore like the other children was baptized at St. John the Baptist Church, Joliet. She entered as a postulant on November 1, 1909, seven years after her sister, our Sister Clara. Sister Loyola became a novice on August 12, 1910, and pronounced her First Vows on August 12, 1912, and her Final Vows on August 12, 1918. She celebrated Silver Jubilee in 1937, Golden Jubilee in 1962.

Sister Loyola spent her long and fruitful life in the community as a music teacher:

- Class room music,
- Private lessons,
- Church organist,
- Children's choir director,
- High school glee club, and related music activities.

Her Mission Record included:

- 1911-12 St. Boniface, Chicago, IL
- 1912-18 St. Procopius, Chicago, IL
- 1918-29 St. Peter, Mansfield, OH
- 1929-51 St. Procop, Cleveland, OH
- 1951-61 St. Francis Preparatory, Joliet, IL
- St. Paul, Joliet, IL
- 1961-62 St. Jude, Joliet, IL
- January 25, 1962-1969 Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL
- Retired