

Conduct Final Rites For Sister Mary Martina

Solemn Requiem High Mass services for Sister Mary Martina, who died in an automobile accident on Highway 6 near Brooklyn Friday afternoon, were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday (today) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell.

The Rev. L. V. Kuebrich, pastor of St. Mary's, served as Celebrant. Deacon was the Rev. Eugene Hoening; Sub Deacon was the Rev. John Kennedy, and Master of Ceremonies was the Rev. Martin Horan. The sermon was given by the Rev. Eugene Hoening.

St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Victor furnished the organist and choir.

The Rosary was recited at St. Francis hospital in Grinnell Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Burial was made in Calvary Cemetery, Grinnell, with Sean Michalek, August Soer and Raymond Michalek, all of Victor, and Leo Flanagan, James Higdon and Pierce Comerford, all of Grinnell, serving as pallbearers.

Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sister Mary Martina, 71, of St. Clare, Clinton, Iowa, was the daughter of John and Bridget Holland Bergin and was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, on December 7, 1892.

She came to the United States at an early age and entered the Sisters of Third Order of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 8, 1908. She was professed on August 15, 1911, and took her Final Vows on August 15, 1919.

Sister Mary Martina had taught in various schools of the order and had been assigned to St. John's parochial school in Victor as a teacher for 23 years. She also had assisted in teaching the Catechism to pre-communion students in Grinnell, Brooklyn and McRengo during the summer sessions for many years.

She had celebrated her golden jubilee of the Sisterhood in 1958.

Survivors include a brother and sister, John Bergin and Mrs. Bridget Brennan, both of County Kilkenny, Ireland.

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