

## Sister Mary Dorothea Bill

Died 17 November 1961

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### Sister Mary Dorothea Dies Here Friday

Sister Mary Dorothea, 81, of Mount St. Clare, Clinton, died Friday afternoon at St. Francis hospital here where she had resided since Oct. 1. She was suddenly taken ill three days before her death.

Solemn requiem high mass was held this morning (Monday) at the St. Francis hospital chapel. Celebrant was the Rev. David Goetsch. The Rev. Leo V. Kuebrich served as deacon and the Rev. Walter McEleney as sub-deacon. The Rev. Lawrence Mork was master-of-ceremonies.

Pallbearers were Alec Comerford, Leo Devereux, George Doran, Leo Flanagan, Frank Higdon and Bernard Schmitz. Rosary was recited Sunday night at St. Francis chapel.

Interment was in Calvary cemetery with Smith Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bill, she was born June 3, 1880, in Cincinnati, Ohio. She entered the Third Order of St. Francis in July of 1900 and was professed on Oct. 8, 1902.

Sister Mary Dorothea had taught in grade schools maintained by the sisters in Oaklawn, Rochelle and Toluca, all in Illinois; Maysville, Ky.; and in schools in Iowa at Danbury, Vail and Victor. She will be remembered by many in Grinnell as one of the first Superiors at St. Francis Hospital.

She is survived by her sister, also a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, Sister Mary Concepta at Epworth.