

Sister Margaret Mary Lavan

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Sister Margaret Mary Lavan Dies At St. Francis

Sister Margaret Mary Lavan, 73, a member of the Third Order of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose mother house was Mt. St. Clare, Clinton, Iowa, died late Sunday morning at St. Francis hospital here.

Solemn Requiem High Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic church with the Rev. Leo V. Kuebrich, pastor of St. Mary's, serving as Celebrant. The Rev. Vincent Putzer, S.D.S., chaplain of St. Francis, will give the sermon. The Rev. Eugene Hoenig, pastor of St. Joseph's at Bauer, will serve as Deacon, and the Rev. John Kennedy, pastor of St. Patrick's at Brooklyn, will serve as Sub-Deacon.

Pallbearers will be Alex Comerford, Leo Devereux, Leo Flanagan, Frank Higdon, James Higdon and Edward McNally. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery in Grinnell. The Rosary will be recited at St. Francis hospital at 8 p.m. Monday.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home for additional information. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis hospital in memory of Sister Margaret Mary.

She was the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Lavan and was born on August 30, 1892, at Trenton, N.J. She entered the con-

vent in 1912 and was professed in August of 1915. She took her Life Vows on Sept. 28, 1919.

In 1921, two years after St. Francis hospital was established in Grinnell, she came to St. Francis and had resided there for 45 years. She celebrated her Golden Jubilee of 50 years of religious life in 1962.

Sister Margaret Mary was held in high esteem by many in the Grinnell area for having cared for the ill in their families, many of whom she had nursed for three generations.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Edwin (Elizabeth) Hart of Trenton, N.J., as well as several nieces. Preceding her in death were her parents, a brother and a sister.