

Sister Mary Lawrence Higdon

Died 20 March 1954

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Sister M. Lawrence Dies at Age of 88; Funeral Held Today

Sister Mary Lawrence, 88, of the Sisters of St. Francis and a member of a Grinnell family, died at 5:35 a.m. Saturday at St. Francis hospital here.

Solemn Requiem Mass was held this (Monday) morning at St. Mary's Catholic church here.

Officiating were the Rev. Colman Higdon OFM, celebrant, the Rev. Gerald Lillis, deacon and the Rev. M. J. Moriarity sub-deacon. The Rev. Vincent A. Walsh, pastor, was master of ceremonies for the Mass and delivered the funeral sermon. Robert Higdon and Richard Vogel were acolytes.

Pallbearers were Bernard Devereaux, Frank Higdon, James Higdon, John Higdon, John Jarboe and Charles Vogel. Burial was in Calvary cemetery with committal service by the Rev. Moriarity.

Daughter of James Higdon and Elizabeth McDaniel, Sister Mary Lawrence was born in Knottsville, Ky., April 5, 1865. The family later moved to Grinnell and she was a member of the Catholic church here.

Joining the sisterhood, Sister Mary Lawrence pursued a lengthy career as a teacher. She came to St. Francis hospital here six years ago.