

# Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

St. Paul Province



## Genealogy Request

Family Name Lavin, Antoinette

Sister Name (if applicable) Sister Prudentia

Birth Date/Place 8-23-1879 Woodville, P.E.I., Canada

Reception into Novitiate 8-27-1900

First Vows 3-19-1903 Final Vows 8-15-1908

Date/Place of Death 12-20-1964 Bethany Convent, St. Paul, Mn

Date/Place of Interment 12-22-1964 Resurrection, St. Paul, Mn

Education Associate - R. N. St. Joseph Hosp. Sch of  
Nursing, St. Paul, Mn

Ministry Nurse

Mother's Maiden Name Elizabeth Nelligan

Birth Date/Place ? Norway, P. E. I., Canada

Father's Name Michael Lavin

Birth Date/Place ? Norway, P. E. I., Canada

## Other Notes

\* Woodville, P.E.I.  
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## SISTER PRUDENTIA GAVIN

The death of Sister Prudentia at Bethany Convent, St. Paul, on December 20, 1964, brought to a close her sixty-three years of religious life among us.

"Rejoice greatly, daughter of Sion,...behold your king is coming to you, a holy one and a savior." This was the spirit of the Advent liturgy in which Sister Prudentia entered into eternal life on the fourth Sunday in Advent.

Sister Prudentia Gavin was born in Woodvale, Prince Edward Island, Canada, on August 23, 1879. She came to the Sisters of St. Joseph in St. Paul at the invitation of Mother Seraphine Ireland, and entered the Novitiate on August 8, 1900.

For forty years Sister Prudentia served the Church in most of the capacities opened to a trained Sister nurse in the first half of the century. The greater number of these years Sister served at St. Michael's Hospital, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Sister spent the last twenty years of her life in intense suffering.

Among Sister Prudentia's outstanding qualities was her compassionate understanding for others who suffered in body or soul. For others, and especially priests, she prayed and struggled with suffering, that they might receive the graces they needed.

God grant Sister the rest and peace which her many years of service and a long illness have earned.

1 Former P.E.I. Man Dies in P.E.I. Minn.

James Albert Gavin, son of the late Michael Gavin of Hoodvale, P.E.I. passed away in St. Peter's Hospital, Minnesota, on April 13, 1958. He was in his seventieth year.

He first left his P.E.I. home at the early age of sixteen, on the then Harroting Excursion, for the Canadian West, returning subsequently. But a couple of years later found him <sup>in</sup> Alhambra Montana and in Helena Montana, where he learned the trade of Motor Mechanist with the Northern U.S. Railway Shops. This trade he followed for most of his life.

During the First World War, he enlisted in the United States Air Force as a Motor Mechanist early in 1916. His skill and precision at this important work was soon recognized by his officers and he was raised to the rank of Sergeant. After serving in France until the close of the war, he was finally returned, with his unit, to U.S.A. late in 1919.

Then began the difficult task, all World War soldiers faced, when returned to Civilian life. He again began work as a Railway Mechanist and served in Chicago and in

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Minneapolis until his retirement a few years ago.

During his last illness, he was visited many times by his sister Sr. Prudentia St Paul and his three nieces Sr Agnes Mary Sister Frances Rita and Sr Philomene all of St Paul. His Nephew, Reverend Justin Gavin, visited him last August when on his return trip from P.E.I. to his parish in Oklahoma. His brother Ignatius also, after receiving word of his critical illness, journeyed to St Paul, where he visited him before he finally departed from this life to receive his everlasting reward.

The funeral was largely attended. The funeral Mass was sung by his Nephew, Father Justin Gavin who journeyed from his parish in Oklahoma to be present at the wake and funeral. Monsignor Cullen, pastor of St Luke's, was present in the Sanctuary. Two sisters from the school had their classes in attendance, so that eighty or ninety children, also many adults of the parish were present. A number of Sisters from Bethany Convent together with his near Relatives, (seven in number) all religious, were in attendance. The interment

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was in Resurrection Cemetery.

Three brothers and two sisters predeceased him and he is survived by three sisters, Mrs Herbert O'Brien, Mrs Alfred O'Brien and Sister Prudentia of St Paul, Minn. also two brothers Howard and Ignatius  
May his soul rest in Peace.