

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

St. Paul Province



Genealogy Request

Family Name McAuley, Helen ^{"Caulay"}

Sister Name (if applicable) Sister Mary Robert

Birth Date/Place 8-18-1896 Morell, P.E.I., Canada

Reception into Novitiate 8-31-1912

First Vows 8-15-1915 Final Vows 8-15-1918

Date/Place of Death 10-28-1997 Bethany Convent, ^{St.} Paul, Mn.

Date/Place of Interment 10-30-1997 Resurrection, St. Paul, Mn.

Education High School

Ministry teacher

Mother's Maiden Name Margaret Mooney

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

Father's Name Malcolm McCauley

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

Other Notes

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Sister Mary Robert (Helen) McCauley 1896-1997

Born in Morrell, Prince Edward Island, Canada, 101 years ago, to Mary Mooney and Malcolm McCauley, Helen was one of 16 young women from "the Island" who entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1912.

After her novitiate, Sister Mary Robert began 50 plus years of teaching, mostly in the Twin Cities. A wonderful teacher who was known as being strict but fair, she challenged her seventh and eighth grade students to meet high educational standards. She introduced them to the missal and taught them how to use it. She encouraged children in her classroom, and often gave special help to those who needed it.

After her teaching career, Sister Mary Robert served as a librarian. She came to Bethany in 1978 where she continued her avid reading.

Those who lived with her speak of her as full of life and energy. She loved sports and poetry, and often quoted Rudyard Kipling and other favorite poets. She and her good friend, Sister Colma O'Brien (deceased 1988), taught catechism in Montana and made many trips to see beloved relatives in Boston. Witty and clever, Sister Mary Robert was a fun person.

She died quietly at Bethany on Oct. 28 after a long illness. Visitation and a Mass of Christian Burial were celebrated for her at Bethany on Oct. 30. Interment was in Resurrection Cemetery.

- by Ellen Palmer, CSJ