

# Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

St. Paul Province



## Genealogy Request

Family Name Walker, Isabel Frances

Sister Name (if applicable) Sister Cordelia

Birth Date/Place 9-8-1884 St. George, P.E.I., Canada

Reception into Novitiate 11-10-1903

First Vows 8-15-1906 Final Vows 8-15-1911

Date/Place of Death 12-12-1965 St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Paul, Mn.

Date/Place of Interment 12-14-1965 Resurrection, St. Paul, Mn.

Education B. A.

Ministry Teacher

Mother's Maiden Name Margaret McCormack

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

Father's Name Donald Walker

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

Other Notes

ST. COLUMBA CONVENT  
1289 Lafond Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Sister Cordelia Walker died at St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota, on December 12, 1965, in the eighty-second year of her age and the sixty-second year of her religious profession.

Sister was born September 8, 1884, at St. Georges, Prince Edward Island, and entered our community in St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 10, 1903. She received the habit in 1904 and made her profession on August 15, 1906.

"The beauty of the King's daughter is from within." These words express well the life of our dear sister. She was known for her quiet, gentle, Christlike life and her fine sense of humor. Sister showed in her simple, devoted way a readiness for change, openness to new ideas, and eagerness for the renewal of the spirit in our community and parish. She was often heard practicing the new hymns for the Eucharistic celebration as she prepared for bed or was just relaxing in her room.

Sister spent many years as a devoted teacher in the various grade schools of our province. She exerted a lasting influence on the lives of those who came under her direction. In her eulogy Father Louis Morin, pastor of St. Columba parish, said that a teacher's influence never ends with death but is passed on through her students. One of these students, Monsignor Thomas Shanahan, whom she taught in 1914, attended her wake and requiem mass.

Sister Cordelia retired from teaching in the fall of 1961 and assumed the duties of portress and substitute teacher at St. Columba convent in St. Paul, Minnesota. Sister cheerfully accepted her duties of portress and did little jobs to aid the cook after she was no longer able to substitute in the classroom. Sister was deeply interested in the young sisters and always made them feel they were perfect. This instilled in them an eagerness to live up to her ideals.

During the past year Sister's eyesight failed considerably. This cross she accepted with firm faith and trust in God. On the morning of December second Sister Cordelia suffered a severe heart attack and was given the anointing of the sick at which she recited all the prayers of the dying with the community. She seemed to be making a speedy recovery and enjoyed visits from the sisters and her friends the afternoon before her death. She was her cheerful self as the nurse prepared her for the night. At midnight she was sleeping peacefully, but shortly after two a.m. it was apparent that Sister had quietly slipped away to join her bridegroom. May the Good Master whom she served and loved so faithfully in this life grant her dear soul eternal rest.