

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

St. Paul Province



Genealogy Request

Family Name Mulligan, Marion Theodora

Sister Name (if applicable) Sister Carolinda

Birth Date/Place 8-1-1906 Middleton, P.E.I., Canada

Reception into Novitiate 9-08-1922

First Vows 3-19-1925 Final Vows 8-15-1928

Date/Place of Death 9-8-1993 Bethany Convent, St. Paul, Mn.

Date/Place of Interment 9-10-1993 Resurrection, St. Paul, Mn.

Education High School

Certificate College of St. Catherine - Kindergarten - Primary

Ministry teacher

Mother's Maiden Name Caroline Johnson

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

Father's Name Martin Mulligan

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

Other Notes

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Sister Carolinda Mulligan
1906-1993

Behold, our God, to whom we look to save us!

Isaiah 9

There was a gentleness and sturdiness about Sister Carolinda (Marion) Mulligan that may well have had their roots in her Canadian background and especially in her early family life in Prince Edward Island. That beautiful northern country hewed an admirable stock of people.

Born in Prince Edward Island on August 1, 1906, to Martin and Caroline (Johnson) Mulligan, young Marion never really left "the Island." It was her home and she loved to return to the Island to visit family, friends, and the country itself.

It was in 1922, at the age of 16, that Marion journeyed to St. Paul to join the Sisters of St. Joseph. Following the first year of her novitiate, Sister Carolinda began 52 years of active ministry that were most frequently and lovingly focused as a first grade teacher. She enjoyed an excellent reputation as a teacher and was particularly adept at helping youngsters to understand how a city worked -- the library, the police and fire stations, even neighborhood grocery stores. After school hours, she was frequently involved other parish activities such as the Men's Club at St. Anthony in North East Minneapolis; on other occasions she quietly and *gracefully* prepared meals for guests.

In the 1960s, because of health concerns related to asthma, Sister Carolinda moved to Tucson, Arizona, where she lived and worked for nearly 10 years. She wasted barely a moment in becoming acquainted with people and the area -- she was as vivacious and outgoing as ever. Upon her 1973 return to St. Paul, she settled in at Bethany and volunteered to do receptionist work at the Administration Center and Bethany. She retired in 1976 only to become more committed to other interests such as sewing for Martha's Mart where she made beautiful dresser scarves, and visiting and praying with the sick. The generosity that had characterized her life continued during her retirement.

Sister Carolinda always enjoyed a good time. While trips home to Prince Edward Island were certainly at the top of her list, she looked forward to a special meals with friends and relatives. Earlier this summer she had gone to north to Brainerd with her good friend Peggy for a few days "at the lake." For Sister Carolinda, good work and good leisure were well-focused as she continued to "look for God who saves us."

Sister Carolinda died at Bethany Convent, St. Paul, on September 8. Visitation and a Mass of Christian Burial were celebrated for her at Bethany on September 10. Interment was in Resurrection Cemetery, St. Paul, on September 11. She is survived by her sister-in-law Gertrude Mulligan of Canada, nieces and nephews, and good friend Peggy Cochran.