

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

St. Paul Province



Genealogy Request

Family Name Hegarty, Sarah Agnes

Sister Name (if applicable) Sister Lamberta

Birth Date/Place 2-7-1886 Fort Augustus, P.E.I., Canada

Reception into Novitiate 11-10-1903

First Vows 8-15-1904 Final Vows 8-15-1906

Date/Place of Death 2-22-1987 Bethany Convent, St. Paul, Mn

Date/Place of Interment 2-25-1987 Resurrection, St. Paul, Mn

Education B.A.

Ministry Elementary teacher

Mother's Maiden Name Margaret Ann Gillis

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

Father's Name Robert Hegarty

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

Other Notes

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CARONDELET
1884 Randolph Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

Sister Lamberta Hegarty, CSJ - 1886 - 1987

Died Sunday, February 22, 1987, at 8:30 p.m., Bethany Convent, St. Paul, MN

Born in Prince Edward Island, February 7, 1886

Joined the Sisters of St. Joseph, St. Paul, on November 10, 1903

Made first vows on August 15, 1906; final vows on August 15, 1913

She was born on an island, the "Pearl of the Atlantic," as she called her Prince Edward Island as she lovingly described the beauty, the peace and contentment experienced there. That peace was a very part of her and remained with her through life; in all her dealings with others; she never "lost her cool."

Sister Lamberta was born February 7, 1886 and entered religious life in 1903. She contributed much to her community, the Sisters of St. Joseph. She helped found three schools: St. Stephen's, Minneapolis; Blessed Sacrament, St. Paul; and St. Mary's, Morris. She was frequently principal, superior, and eighth grade teacher all at the same time. Those teaching assignments challenged her but she was ready. "The Hegarty's were progressive; they got things done!" Her brilliant mind and love of history made her a human encyclopedia to whom we often turned for information.

The "quality of mercy" permeated her; she was always ready with time and patience to listen; her hands knitted caps and mittens for children who needed them. She often was seen bringing back from the home-going ranks, a child whose hands were cold or who had lost his cap. She had a soap-kettle for making soft-soap. "My soap takes out all stains." Her cooking skills were sharpened at school where she'd prepare government subsidies for hungry children, some of whom had no breakfast. During the evening recreation, she mended books for the poor. On First Fridays after a long service and the children were tired and hungry, she would have hot cocoa ready for them, something unheard of in those days.

Her outlook on life was a positive one and life, to her, was not all work. She kept in touch with relatives by long letters on a typewriter, vintage about 1910, when arthritic fingers moved too slowly for writing; her tape recorder provided her with inspirational talks; she loved to read when her eyes would permit; she enjoyed a good card game. But most of all she loved parties! Any excuse would do! She celebrated with friends and students her Silver, Golden, and Sixtieth Jubilee, her 80, 90, 100, and 101 birthdays. After the last one and shortly before she died, she was asked, "Would you like another party?"

"Oh, yes!" she beamed.

"How many guests would you like to invite?"

"Oh, let's start with a hundred!"

Love for God and trust in Him were the basis of her service to others. As she was loyal to Him, so was she loyal to her friends and community. Her security lay in her confidence in God—and she was secure! She was always in control and if things became hectic, she would urge, "Let us trust; God will take care of it." In her last illness she prayed over and over, "I love God!" She who counseled, directed, encouraged others never herself sought power, distinction, limelight; she had true humility. She knew who she was and rested secure in that knowledge.

With Sister Lamberta's death came the close of the earthly life of an exceptional woman. We are grateful to you, Sister Lamberta, that you left your "Pearl" and came to us; grateful, too, for what you've given us in your caring, for the good memories you leave with us; for your love and guidance and inspiration. May we all be as ready to meet Christ as you were, who on your deathbed could answer the question, "Are you afraid?" with a ready reply, "Afraid? I've served Him all my life!"

Sister St. Edmund Casey

SERVICES

Wake at Bethany Convent, Wednesday, February 25, 2:00-7:00 p.m.
Mass of the Resurrection, Wednesday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.
Internment in Resurrection Cemetery, St. Paul, MN

Sister is survived by:

Mrs. Walter Campbell (sister), Waterloo, MA
Many nieces and nephews