

## Sister Bruno Walters (Mary Walters)

Sister Bruno Walters was born in Phillipburg, Baden, Germany on May 10, 1873. Her parents were Paul Nicholas and Magdalene Seiler Walters. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis at Sacred Heart, Buffalo, New York in 1895 and professed her vows there on August 18, 1898.

Sister Bruno worked as a cook at St. Francis and Holy Rosary Missions, South Dakota from 1921 until 1943. In 1943, she went to St. Mary's O'Neill, Nebraska where she performed housekeeping duties until 1949, when she retired to St. Joseph's, Alliance, Nebraska as a patient.

She died on August 27, 1950 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Alliance, Nebraska and is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Alliance.

St. Joseph's Hospital  
Alliance, Nebraska  
September 5, 1950

Dear Mothers and Sisters:

In the early morning hours(3:25), Sunday, August 27, the dear Lord called Sister M. Bruno to her eternal reward. May she rest in peace!

Sister Bruno came to St. Joseph's Hospital from St. Mazy's, O'Neill, on May 3, 1949. After many weeks of suffering, she seemed to regain strength, came to the refectory for meals, and asked to join the Sisters in the cloister, where she could be near the Chapel. She seemed to realize that there might not be too much time left for visits to the Blessed Sacrament and for daily Holy Mass.

However, her suffering increased, making it necessary to remove her to the hospital for special care. Doctor thought it best to inform Sister that she had cancer and might have to carry her cross for a long time. She was a patient sufferer, offering all to the Lord for postulants.

During the month of August, one could notice from day to day that Sister Bruno was failing. The Sisters took turns staying with her during the last days, and Sisters William and Rita volunteered for night duty. Sister had always liked company, and the presence of the Sisters seemed to comfort her. A sweet smile spoke her gratitude, as she opened her eyes from time to time.

After recreation on Saturday, we prayed the Rosary and the Litany in her room. Toward nightfall, she became restless, but settled down to sleep. About three o'clock, Sister called Mother Patrice, and at 3:25 there was a sigh, a last gasp, and Sister had gone home.

Monday, at noon, Sister's remains were brought to the Chapel. Following Requiem High Mass at eight o'clock on Tuesday, the procession of Sisters from St. Agnes Academy and the Hospital followed Sister to her last resting place.

We ask you, dear Mothers and Sisters, to remember her in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mother Patrice and the Sisters.