

Sister Fabiana Stabell (Emily Stabell)

Sister Fabiana Stabell was born on July 27, 1866 in Alsace, Germany. Her parents were Bernard and Amelia Phillips Stabell.

In May 1892 she came to the United States and became a citizen in 1904. She entered the novitiate at Sacred Heart, Buffalo, New York. She professed her vows at Sacred Heart on July 24, 1899.

Sister Fabiana was employed as a cook in Holy Name Province. In 1934 she came to St. Joseph's Hospital, Alliance, Nebraska as a patient. She died there on November 19, 1952. She is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Alliance, Nebraska.

St. Joseph's Hospital
Alliance, Nebraska
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Dear Mother and Sisters,

Our dear Sister Fabiana has been called to her final reward after having spent eighteen years at our hospital.

Sister came to us in December of 1934 as a hospital patient. As Sister was not very strong after her recovery she stayed here and helped about the house wherever she could. She had many serious sick spells and was anointed several times, but always recovered and continued her little tasks.

About eight years ago, Sr. Fabiana had to give up everything and became a patient in the Sisters' Infirmary. She was still able to go to Mass and used to spend the greater part of the day in the chapel. Three years or so ago, she had to give this up.

In 1949 Sister celebrated her Golden Jubilee.

Sister's hearing and sight failed more rapidly this past year, but she remained mentally alert and was usually found with her rosary in her hand. She was prepared to go and often said she wished our dear Lord would take her.

During the past two weeks she could take liquids only, and usually by the teaspoon, and she also became mentally confused. Monsignor Keller, our Chaplain, anointed her on November 15th; as it was thought she would not live throughout the night, but our Lord did not call her until about four o'clock November 19th, the Feast of St. Elizabeth. She was eighty-six years old, and had given years of faithful service in several of the Eastern houses.

A Requiem High Mass was sung at the funeral services in the Hospital Chapel on November 21st, Feast of the Presentation.

Sister Fabiana was always interested in the welfare of the hospital and of the congregation in general, and we feel sure this interest will be continued for our good. "May her dear soul rest in peace."

Sincerely in Christ,

Mother Celsa and Sisters