

Sister M. Goara Bartlewski (Maria Bartlewski)

Sister Goara Bartlewski was born in Königsberg, Germany December 31, 1883. Her parents were Karl Bartlewski and Maria Milstrei Bartlewski..

Sister Goara entered the Sisters of St. Francis in Nonnenwerth, Germany on October 11, 1903 and professed her vows at Nonnenwerth on April 4, 1907.

She came to the United States on March 25, 1922, and was employed as a cook at various convents in Holy Name Province, Spokane, Washington and Rome, as well as St. Joseph's Minot, North Dakota, St. Francis and Holy Rosary Missions, South Dakota, St. Mary's, O'Neill, Nebraska, and Rushville, Nebraska in Sacred Heart Province.

Sister Goara died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Alliance, Nebraska on January 22, 1967, and is buried at Calvary Cemetery, Alliance, Nebraska.

St. Joseph's Hospital
Alliance, Nebraska
January 22, 1967

Dear Mothers and Sisters:

It is with a feeling of deep sorrow and sympathy, yet with an essence of joy that I inform you of the last days and death of your beloved Sister Goara.

During the past month Sister Goara has been failing more and more. She had a slight stroke causing weakness of her right side. Since her eye sight failed she had to be fed. She spent all the remaining days in bed receiving nursing care from Sister Gertrudis and her helper, a kind lady, Mrs. Roland.

Sister Goara prayed almost constantly during her last days. Her choice prayer being: "Jesus, Come." She said this insistently, as if Jesus just was not listening. We know He was listening to her begging prayer. Another prayer was "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death." She prayed this in German.

We all sincerely believe that Sister Goara is in heaven, therefore, it is with a tone of joy that I tell you that Sister Goara has gone to her eternal reward.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Angela and Sisters