

Sister Clotildis Wegmer (Maria Wegmer)

Sister Clotildis Wegmer was born on December 18, 1892 in Delbron, Germany. Her parents were August F. and Wilhelmine Velte Wegmer. She went to England as a young lady where she studied and became a convert to the Catholic faith. Later she became a governess for a wealthy English family, and when this family moved to Canada, she came with them. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis at Stella Niagara, New York in 1920, and professed her vows on August 13, 1923 at Stella Niagara.

She became an American citizen on September 11, 1937. In the summer of 1965, she returned to Germany for her first visit in fifty-three years.

Sister came to Minot in June, 1924 and entered the School of Nursing. In 1927, she graduated. In 1930 she received her diploma from the American Society of Radiologica Technology. In 1938 she graduated with her BA degree from the Great Falls (Montana) College of Education, and in 1942 she was registered as a medical technician by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

Sister Clotildis succeeded Sister Evaline as director of the School of Nursing, St. Joseph's Hospital, Minot, a position she held from 1938 until 1944. She became the chief X-Ray technician at St. Joseph's from 1944 – 1952. In 1952 she transferred to St. Anthony's Hospital, O'Neill Nebraska. She suffered a stroke there in 1954.

Sister Clotildis retired to St. Joseph's, Minot, North Dakota in 1963. She died there on March 31, 1967. Her funeral Mass was celebrated by His Excellency, the Rev. Hilary B. Hacker, Bishop of Bismarck. Thirteen priests were in attendance.

Sister Clotildis is buried in St. Leo's Cemetery, Minot, North Dakota.