

Sister Eveline Franier (Marie Hedwig Franier)

Sister Eveline Franier, daughter of Frank Franier and Anna S., Baumann, was born in Buffalo, New York on September 15, 1884. She entered the novitiate at Stella Niagara, New York on August 15, 1910. She professed on April 14, 1914.

Sister Eveline was the first of the Sisters of St. Francis in the United States to receive a nursing degree, which she earned from St. Theresa's College, Winona, Minnesota in 1935.

In 1914 she came to St. Joseph's Hospital, Minot, North Dakota. She was first employed as an X-ray technician. In 1937 she became the superior and administrator for St. Joseph's Hospital. She was the superior at St. Joseph's Hospital, Alliance, Nebraska from 1940-1946. She died on September 24, 1973 in Minot, North Dakota. She is buried in St. Leo's Cemetery, Minot, North Dakota.

Sister In Order 50 Years



Members of the family of Sister M. Eveline of Minot, who is celebrating 50 years as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis, were in Minot for a golden jubilee event held in her honor. Left to right are Albert Franier, Buffalo, N.Y., a brother; Sister Eveline; and Mrs. Josephine Friedl and Mrs. Leslie Smith, both of Alden, N.Y., a sister and niece, respectively, of the jubilee celebrant.

A golden jubilee program, highlighted by the celebration of a high mass, has been held in honor of Sister M. Eveline of Minot, celebrating 50 years as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis.

Rev. John Colgan, now on medical leave from his post as chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital, said the jubilee mass at which Sister Eveline renewed the vows she took April 14, 1914.

Guests in Minot for the event included Sister Eveline's sister and brother, Mrs. Josephine Friedl of Alden, N. Y., and Albert Franier of Buffalo, and a niece, Mrs. Leslie Smith, also of

Petrucchi and an alumnae appreciation tea.

Sister Eveline, who will be 80 on Sept. 15, has worked in Minot in various capacities for 44 years. She is the oldest of eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Franier in Buffalo, N. Y., and entered the St. Francis Order in 1910.

She is the first of the U. S. Franciscan sisters to earn a degree in nursing, which she received in 1935 from St. Teresa's College in Winona, Minn. She also attended Minot State College, Canisius College in Buffalo, N. Y., and studied X-ray at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.

Sister Eveline came to North

School of Nursing and was one of nine students who took the first State Board examination given for nurses in North Dakota.

In still other "firsts" at St. Joseph's in Minot, Sister Eveline was the first X-ray technician at the hospital; set up the first clinical laboratory there in 1920; and in 1921, became director of the School of Nursing.

Sister Eveline was appointed superior and administrator at the hospital in 1937, serving in that capacity until 1940 when she went to Alliance, Neb., to assume duties as superior and administrator of the St. Joseph's Hospital there.

She returned to Minot in 1940