

## Sister Maxine von Brixen (Gertrude von Brixen)

Sister Maxine von Brixen was born in Bogutschütz bei Kattowitz, Germany on March 21, 1878. Her parents were Max von Brixen and Mathilde Weiss von Brixen. She was one of three girls and one boy born to the family.

In 1906, Sister Maxine entered the convent at Nonnenwerth, Germany. She came to the United States in 1907 and professed her vows at Stella Niagara, New York on August 18, 1908. Until 1923, Sister Maxine was known as Sister Edelreda.

Sister Maxine was a noted artist, who began her art career while still in Germany. She taught art in Alliance, Nebraska and O'Neill, Nebraska, where she lived from 1934 to 1961. She retired in 1961.

Sister spent her retirement years at Marycrest, Denver, Colorado and Alliance, Nebraska. She died on March 24, 1977 at the age of 99 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Alliance, Nebraska. She is buried at Calvary Cemetery, Alliance.