

Puwalowski, Sr. Clara T.

Sr. Clara T. Puwalowski, 97, beloved daughter of the Heart of Mary went home to be with the Lord on Friday, July 1, 2005, at the Marian Center in Holyoke, Massachusetts. She was born in Detroit on February 8, 1908, daughter of Andrew and Mary Anne (Kuchnowski) Puwalowski. When Clara was six years old, her mother Mary Anne passed on. Clara was educated in parochial schools in Detroit and she later studied professional sewing and tailoring. Early in life, she worked on the family farm in Parisville. Later, she was employed at the Parke Davis Laboratories in Detroit. Clara joined the Daughters of the Heart of Mary in Detroit in 1946, made her First Vows in Buffalo, New York in 1949, and Perpetual Vows in New York in 1964. She served in DHM missions in Detroit, New York, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, and Buffalo, New York. Her final missions were served at Holyoke, Massachusetts, where she had been since 1996. Her occupations included, sacristan, food services, laundry, housekeeping, sewing, and chauffeuring. Clara was a talented seamstress specializing in drapery, altar cloths, tabernacle veils and priest's vestments. She was extremely devoted to her work and a perfectionist in whatever she did. Survivors include nieces, nephews, and the Daughters of the Heart of Mary at the Marian Center. She was preceded in death by a sister when she was a child in Detroit, Cecilia Puwalowski; and two brothers, Frank Puwalowski, of Parisville, and Theodore Puwalowski, of Port Austin. Wake services were conducted on Tuesday, July 5, 2005, for Clara T. Puwalowski at the Marian Center, 1365 Northhampton Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts. A Liturgy of Christian burial was celebrated at the Marian Center Chapel at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2005. Burial took place at St. Jerome Cemetery, Holyoke, Massachusetts, where several nieces and nephews attended the services.