

Sister, 86, served 49 years

Sister Mary Eulalia Lariviere, 86, a sister of St. Ann who spent 49 years in Alaska and one year in the Yukon Territory as a missionary, died Oct. 14 in Marlboro, Mass.

She will be buried in the community cemetery at the motherhouse.

Sister Eulalia was born in Fitchburgh, Mass., and she made her first religious vows in Montreal, Canada, in 1918.

She was assigned to serve in Alaska in 1920. Her trip to the state — via trains, steamers and river boats — took 30 days. Her first trip Outside in the 1950s took 30 hours.

Sister Eulalia was first assigned to Holy Cross Mission on the Yukon River. The boarding school was established in 1888. She worked at various tasks at the mission, in the

village and in neighboring areas for 37 years.

One of her tasks was the care of the small children, many of whom were homeless, in what was known as the "Baby House," the oldest building at the mission.

When Holy Cross closed as a boarding school in 1957, Sister Eulalia was assigned to the Yukon Territory for a year. From 1958 to 1969, she was assigned to Copper Valley School in Glennallen.

She celebrated the 50th anniversary of her religious profession at Copper Valley School in 1968. She retired and returned to the Lower 48 in 1969.

This year the Sisters of St. Ann are celebrating the 100th anniversary of their arrival in Alaska.



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