

175 SISTER PROFILES: Sister Mary Rosina McMullin

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Sister Mary Rosina McMullin with nurse Bridget Jessome in the central supply room at St. Elizabeth Hospital in North Sydney, NS. c. 1960

In 1936 her ministry shifted to nursing. From 1936 to September 1939 she nursed at the Halifax Infirmary. She then moved west and nursed respectively at Saint Anne Hospital, Hardisty, AB (1940-43) and Swan River Hospital, Swan River, MB (1943-47).

Sister Mary Rosina McMullin entered our congregation on August 15, 1923. She held a Teacher's License and was a Registered Nurse. S. Mary Rosina taught for 10 years in Massachusetts.



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Sister Mary Rosina McMullin waiting for a prescription to be filled by pharmacist Sister Charles Clare Long at St. Elizabeth Hospital in North

She returned to Halifax in 1947 and did nursing at the Halifax Infirmary until April 1951. From 1952-54 she had two nursing assignments, at Mount Saint Vincent College and private nurse to Mother Mary Evaristus Moran during her final illness.

In 1954 S. Mary Rosina moved to North Sydney, NS where she nursed at Saint Elizabeth Hospital until 1965. For the next seven years she ministered at Saint Brigid Home, Quebec. From 1972-75 she was nurse at Stella Maris Residence, North Sydney. She retired in 1975 to Mount Saint Vincent Motherhouse. As long as her health permitted she was Infirmarian in her local community and she fed the ill Sisters in Mother Berchmans Infirmary.

After she retired, for 15 years she volunteered nights to look after the babies at the Home of the Guardian Angel. As Provincial of the Halifax Vice Province from 1979-1987, Sister Romaine Bates was well aware of how truly exceptional S. Mary Rosina was. S. Romaine enjoyed sharing this story. *Each evening after supper S. Mary Rosina gave the Sisters in Mother Berchmans Residence their medications. S. Rosina took a taxi to the Home of the Guardian Angel where she spent the night watching over the babies. In the morning S. Mary Rosina returned by taxi to the Motherhouse!*

In May 2002 she moved to Parkstone Enhanced Care, Halifax, NS.



S. Mary Rosina was a patient woman of wisdom and practicality. She had a great sense of humour and liked to tell stories. She was a generous person who found satisfaction in devoting her life to the service of others. She knew how to love and took the risks involved in showing love. She was a noble, creative and compassionate person.