

Sister M. Rita Mason
October 4, 1887– June 16, 1974



Secular Name: Antanina (Etta)
Entrance: December 20, 1924
Place of Birth: Lithuania/Darien, CT
Parents: John and Rose Mason
Sibling: John

Ministry:

Though born in Lithuania, Antanina arrived in the United States as a young adult, settling in Connecticut, probably with her brother, John. She became a naturalized USA citizen in 1945.



Sister Rita served the community for 50 years in the dietary work of the community. The places of her ministry included Esplen, PA; Hartford, CT; and in the Motherhouse in Pittsburgh, PA. For several years after her retirement, Sister continued to work as a kitchen assistant at the Motherhouse.

In 1972 Sister Rita suffered a stroke and never fully regained her strength. While the community was making preparations for her Golden Jubilee in 1974, she suffered another stroke. On June 16, 1974 she returned to the Lord.

“Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.”