



Neurology of

SISTER EVELYN BRAULT (Sister Gerard-Marie) 1925-2021

June 10, 1925 proved to be a beautiful day for the Brault family. It was on this day that their second daughter, Evelyn Rose would join her parents, Philius Brault and Aline (Remillard) Brault and her older sister Irene, in a household of love and stability. The family was complete with the subsequent births of Gerard and Cecile. It was in Chicopee Falls, MA that all this took place. The family did not realize the precious gem they had brought into this world.

Both the Brault and the Remillard families came from Lacolle, Quebec. Reaching thirty-one, Mr. Brault felt he was going nowhere in Lacolle. Receiving an invitation from a cousin to work with him in Chicopee Falls, Mr. Brault left to live and to work in the States. On one of his return visits to Lacolle, he met and married Aline Remillard in 1921. Travelling from Lacolle to Chicopee Falls, they visited family residing in Albany, NY. They established themselves in Chicopee Falls where they would live out the rest of their lives

At the time, Mr. Brault worked as a laborer in the city's factories as well as overseeing twenty tenements. Encouraged by his wife, he left the factory and went into business for himself as an automobile and fire insurance agent. He continued to spend his evenings and Saturdays wallpapering and painting his tenements, disposing of trash, making small repairs, and collecting rent.

Mrs. Brault managed the household efficiently, saw that the house was clean and tidy, cooked all meals, and kept a close watch over her children. She also stayed up many nights sewing clothes for them.

The Brault family lived their lives in a part of Chicopee Falls that was predominantly Franco- Canadian. They were members of St. George's Parish. Their children attended its school. Almost all of Mr. Brault's clients, and for years, all the family acquaintances were Franco-Americans.

The family observed the national and religious holidays and celebrated each birthday with delight. On Sunday afternoons, the children would often go to the movies at a nearby theater. In the summertime, there were picnics and outings to the beach. As the children grew older, traveling to local historical sites became a favorite family pastime.

Evelyn's parents lived according to strict concepts and strove to instill traditional values in their children. They taught them to be mindful of their French-Canadian heritage. Annual trips to Lacolle, Quebec to visit both grandparents were an important part of their upbringing.

Evelyn, a product of such a family, grew up with a deep sense of history and of the Franco- American culture. She attended St. George Elementary School staffed by the Sisters of the Assumption of the B.V, then went on to Cathedral High School in Springfield staffed by the Sisters of Joseph. Due to her superior intelligence, she was awarded the Bishop O'Leary Scholarship which provided full board and tuition for four years. She chose to attend Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee also administered by the Sisters of St. Joseph. She became a member of the Delta Epsilon Sigma sorority and graduated as valedictorian of her class in 1946. In 1989, the college awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award to Evelyn.

After graduating, Evelyn worked as a service representative for the New England Telephone Company for three years. She taught one year at the Putnam Catholic Academy in Putnam, CT.

On December 8, 1949, while visiting Notre-Dame-du-Cap in Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec, Evelyn observed a Sister of The Assumption of the B.V. praying in the small historical chapel. At that moment, Evelyn's future was decided. She entered the community in 1950 at the age of twenty-five. Little did she know what awaited her in the next seventy years. After two years of formation in Nicolet, Quebec, Evelyn spent three years teaching in the community run high schools in the U.S.A. Because of her competence, extensive knowledge, maturity, and personal stamina, she was a perfect candidate for the missions. She left for Japan in 1955, only five years after entering and would labor in this adoptive country for the next thirty years. The following year, she pronounced her perpetual vows in her adopted country in the presence of her parents. She began by studying the language, went on to teach, founded a high school, was its principal, became president of the junior college, served on the administrative team in Japan, and was formation director at various stages of her missionary work.

Sister Evelyn's leadership qualities served her well. She became Provincial Superior of the U.S.A. province for six years and soon after would serve on the general team for five years. Although most would have thought of retiring by this time, Sister Evelyn still continued to serve with joy and with dedication.

Sister Evelyn's life journey would then bring her to Rome, Italy. She worked for the AISG, UNIONE INTERNAZIONALE SUPERIORE GENERALI, for ten years as archivist, translator of documents from French to English and coordinator of meetings for local English speaking superiors general. During Sister Evelyn's tenth year in Rome, she began having debilitating leg pain diagnosed as Guillain-Barre Syndrome Disease. She received a month of rehabilitation before returning to the U.S.A. She eventually arrived at the Assumption Residence in Petersham. Sister Evelyn was 82 years old.

Sister Evelyn transitioned easily to apartment living two years later where she was a delight to all who were part of that community. In 2016, Sister Evelyn moved to Marie Esther Health Care Center for the extra assistance she now needed. To live with Sister Evelyn as a companion was not only to be in the presence of a knowledgeable person, but also as a very simple one. Her needs were few. She treated each as an equal, had a radiant smile and warm disposition. She related equally not only with the most prestigious of persons but also with the most simple. Her trust in Divine Providence was unshakable.

A letter written by a colleague from Rome summarizes some of Sister Evelyn's best attributes: generous and loyal, keen interest in all activities, great dedication, great relationships, care and prayerfulness, breath of vision, sensitivity to diversified cultures and persons, and her simplicity of relationships.

Sister Evelyn, you have journeyed near and far. You have bonded with peoples of many cultures with sincerity and with simplicity. Your earthly travels have now come to an end. You have arrived HOME. May the God you so loved and served welcome you into His eternal residence, a heart engulfed with love. We miss you among us, yet we know that this separation is only temporary. We will meet again in our heavenly home.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

Matt 9:37

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LES SŒURS DE L'ASSOMPTION DE LA SAINTE VIERGE

Sœur EVELYN BRAULT

Rang	2169	Engagement	Enseignante	Onction des malades	2020-02-26
Nom civil	Brault, Evelyn	Entrée	1950-08-21	Nom du prêtre	Conrad Pecevich, ptre
Nom religieux	Gérard-Marie	Vœux temporaires	1953-02-15	Lieu et heure	M. Esther H. Center – 11 h.
Père	Brault, Philiás	Vœux perpétuels	1956-03-23	Date des funérailles	---
Mère	Rémillard, Aline	Date du décès	2021-01-20	Président	---
Naissance	1925-06-10	Heure du décès	23 h 30	Heure	
Lieu	Chicopee Falls, MA	Lieu du décès	Marlboro, MA	Lieu des funérailles	
Baptême	1925-06-10	Âge au décès	95 ans, 7 m., 10 j.	Inhumation	Cimetry Petersham sasv
Lieu du baptême	Chicopee Falls, MA	Années en religion	67 ans, 11 m., 5 j.		2021-01-27

LIEUX D'ENGAGEMENT	ENGAGEMENT PROFESSIONNEL	ANNÉES
Laconia (NH) # 38 (février)	Enseignante à l'Académie	1952-1953
Petersham, Acad. M. Assumpta (MA) #134	Enseignante en français au cours classique	1953-1954
Petersham, Acad. M. Assumpta (MA) #134	Enseignante ; surveillante, catéchisme paroissial	1954-1955
Hirosaki, Konya-machi (Japon) # 139	Étudiante	1955-1957
Aomori, Namiuchi (Japon) # 114	Titulaire en 1 ^{re} année à l'école moyenne ; enseignante en anglais en 10 ^e année à l'école supérieure, en 1 ^{re} année à l'école moyenne et en cours spéciaux le soir	1957-1958
Aomori, Namiuchi (Japon) # 114	Enseignante en catéchèse en 11 ^e année; enseignante en anglais en 7 ^e et 10 ^e années	1958-1960
Aomori, Namiuchi (Japon) # 114	Enseignante en anglais en 7 ^e , 10 ^e , 11 ^e et 12 ^e années ; titulaire en 10 ^e année	1960-1961
Aomori, Namiuchi (Japon) # 114	Enseignante en anglais en 11 ^e et 12 ^e années ; titulaire en 11 ^e année	1961-1963
Aomori, Namiuchi (Japon) # 114 –	Responsable du programme d'anglais des écoles ; enseignante d'anglais aux écoles moyenne, supérieure et au Collège ; titulaire de la classe 13A	1963-1964
Aomori, Namiuchi (Japon # 114- Urawa (Japon) # 167	Départ le 9 avril 1964 - étudiante à l'Université de Washington : linguistique – retour le 27 novembre 1966 ; directrice de l'école supérieure ; enseignante en anglais en 10 ^e année ; cours privés d'anglais aux adultes	1964-1967
Urawa (Japon) # 167a	Assistante locale ; directrice de l'école supérieure ; enseignante en anglais en 10 ^e et 11 ^e années	1967-1970
Aomori, Namiuchi (Japon) # 114	Directrice du collège ; enseignante en anglais au collège	1970-1975
Aomori, Namiuchi (Japon) # 114	Conseillère régionale ; conseillère locale ; directrice au collège ; enseignante en anglais au collège – départ pour les États-Unis le 15 juillet 1976 : études et repos – retour le 24 février 1977 : conseillère régionale ; directrice au collège	1975-1977
Aomori, Namiuchi (Japon) # 114	Conseillère locale - Directrice au collège.	1977-1979
Aomori, Namiuchi (Japon) # 114	Conseillère régionale et locale - Directrice au Collège	1979-1981
Chicago (Ill) – Hirosaki, Konya-machi (Japon) # 139	Départ pour les États-Unis : étudiante – départ le 2 septembre 1982 : supérieure locale ; directrice de formation ; traduction ; aide à la cuisine	1981-1985
Petersham, Maison provinciale (MA) # 145	Supérieure provinciale	1985-1986
Worcester, Lincoln Street (MA) # 217	Supérieure provinciale ; supérieure locale	1986-1990
Worcester, Lincoln Street (MA) # 217	Supérieure provinciale	1990-1991
Worcester, Lincoln Street (MA) # 217	Année de ressourcement (Cambridge, MA)	1991-1992
Salem (Mass) # 76	Archiviste à l'UISG (Union Internationale des Supérieures générales) – réside à Rome, Italie	1992-1995
Nicolet, Maison mère (Qc) # 5	Conseillère générale	1995-2000

Salem (Mass) # 76	Archiviste à l'UISG (Union internationale des supérieures générales) – réside à Rome, Italie ; traductrice	2000-2004
Worcester, Lincoln Street (Mass) # 127	Archiviste à l'UISG (Union internationale des supérieures générales) - réside à Rome, Italie ; traductrice	2004-2007
Petersham, Rés. Assomption (MA) # 145	Convalescente ; services communautaires	2007-2009
Petersham, Rés. Assomption (MA) # 145	Services communautaires ; traduction	2009-2010
Worcester, Colony III (MA)	Services communautaires ; traduction	2010-2012
Worcester, Colony III (Mass) - Marlboro, Marie Esther Health Center (Mass)	Retraitée – départ le 23 février 2016 pour le Marie Esther Health Center, Marlboro (Mass) ; retraitée ; décès le 20 janvier 2021	2012-2021