

# LOVED BY MANY FULL OF YEARS

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MARY MAGDELINE BRAUN, AGED  
93, GOES TO HER REST BLESS-  
ED BY MANY.

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A PIONEER WOMAN WHO LIVED  
IN ST. CLOUD OVER HALF A  
CENTURY.

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Full of years and blessed by many who called her mother, Mary Magdeline Braun, one of the few of that small band of pioneer women numbered among the original settlers of St. Cloud, died yesterday afternoon at 3:15 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Ernst, 103, 15th Avenue south, aged 83. Not only did she live a longer stretch of years than is the lot of most people but she came down to her ripe old age in good health and until a week before her death was in possession of all her faculties. Her last years were full of sunshine and surrounded by her loving children and children's children she enjoyed to the fullest the reward of her pioneer hardships and her Christian life. Living almost to be a centenarian, she passed 57 of these years in St. Cloud and until eight years ago enjoyed the companionship of her husband who also lived to the unusual age of 91. He died Feb. 29th, 1904.

Mrs. Braun was the oldest inhabitant of St. Cloud. That distinction now falls upon H. P. Bennett. "Deacon" Bennett, as his old friends call him, is but 9 days younger than was Mrs. Braun.

Mrs. Braun was born in Alsace Lorraine, Germany, March 2, 1819, and was therefore 93 years 3 months and 10 days old. At the age of 24 in her childhood home in the fatherland she was married to the late Xavier Braun. Mr. and Mrs. Braun came to America in 1848 and for seven years lived at Jefferson, Mo. In 1855 they came to St. Cloud. They journeyed up the east bank of the Mississippi and at St. Cloud crossed the river in a row boat. The city of St. Cloud had not yet been platted. There were a few houses at Sauk Rapids and on Lowry Prairie and above that several hundred Indians were encamped. Mr. Braun made a claim two miles south of St. Cloud and proved up by paying the government \$1.25 an acre. There they lived until about eighteen years ago when they came to St. Cloud and made their home with their daughter, Mrs. Ernst. There were ten children, five of whom survive her. Mrs. Elizabeth Kuck, Frank Braun, Mrs. Edward Doerner and Mrs. Wm. Ernst, all of this city and John P. Braun, who lives on the old homestead, just south of the city. There are 51 surviving grand children and 43 great grand children.

The funeral will take place on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from the Church of the Immaculate Conception. It was at this church that she attended High Mass on Sunday for the last time.

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