



Sister Patricia Kidd, OSF Professed 1960

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Sister Patricia Kidd, OSF, died in Assisi House on June 30. She was born in Dublin, Ireland, and entered the congregation in 1957. During her years in ministry, she served primarily in education and social services, particularly as a counselor. Her ministries took her to the Dioceses of Juneau, Los Angeles, Dublin, Oakland, Cheyenne, San Diego, Portland, and Philadelphia.



Whether Patricia was teaching, working as a counselor, or simply spending time with family or friends in community, she did so with an awareness that this was where God intended her to be. As she wrote some years ago, “God has led me to where God can best work with me. Each person and place has called forth something new in me. In turn I was freed to recognize the beauty in others and call them into freedom as I walked with them.”

In her golden jubilee reflection, Patricia reflected similar concepts when she wrote, “My journey as a Sister of St. Francis...has taken me to places I would not have dared to go without the Spirit leading.” She then went on to name sisters who had, in one way or another, been “beacons of light” for her. She ended her reflection by stating “As I reflect on my life’s journey, I am aware that each ministry prepared me for the next ministry.”

A dear friend and former member, Angela Keane, wrote, “Patricia, I love your life reflection [video], so simply said, yet it speaks volumes about you—a loving, faith-filled, woman who brought out the good in others and in life wherever you went. I have treasured memories of our times in Wyoming, formation ministry, and Ireland.” Her niece Isobel Coventry-Brady echoed the sentiment, “Our beautiful inspiration of an Aunt, you’ll be missed by all of us.”

Poet John O’Donohue wrote, “Beauty is about an emerging fullness, a greater sense of grace and elegance, a deeper sense of depth, and a homecoming for the enriched memory of your unfolding life.” Patricia, you drew beauty, fullness, grace, and elegance from ministering to and with others. And in return, your own beauty graced those with whom you served—becoming for them a beacon of light. As you enter into an eternal homecoming, into the fullness of Life, of Beauty, and of Grace, remember us as we, too, learn from the gift of your presence in our lives.



*All services will be held in Assisi House, 600 Red Hill Road,
Aston, Pennsylvania, 19014 on July 9 but will be private.
Burial in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.*

