

SISTER PATRICIA ANN SULLIVAN, CDP
1918 - 2016



Sister Patricia Ann Sullivan (formerly known as Sister Mary Eusebia), CDP, entered eternal life on April 18, 2016 at the age of 97. She was born April 19, 1918 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Robert and Beulah Helen Ratley Sullivan. Sister Patricia Ann professed first vows on June 22, 1940. Her ministerial life in education began in 1940 at Assumption Parish in Houston, Texas.

Sister Patricia Ann's personal memoirs describe her call to this sacred vocation. She recalls how Providence led her to Our Lady of the Lake Convent. The elementary schools she attended were run by other orders. In fifth grade she "accidentally" came across a picture of Our Lady of the Lake College and was impressed. So years later when urged by a family friend to contact a Sister of Divine Providence, she did. The summer prior to her eleventh grade, Sister Patricia Ann made her way to San Antonio and continued her education at Our Lady of the Lake. She earned a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's degree in Education.

She served as elementary teacher and principal in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. In San Antonio, Texas she taught at St. Henry and St. Martin Hall and served as Learning Center Director at St. Anthony School and later became the Religious Education Coordinator in Rowena and Port Lavaca, Texas. She spent ten years caring for two elderly aunts and became very active in her hometown parish. Upon returning to the convent she worked in the Development Office for eight years before retiring from outside ministry. Her openness to new things and ideas along with her joyful presence continued to serve those around her.

She is survived by Joe Paul Ratly, Jr., Teresa (Ratley) and Mark Hughes, Rob Ratley and many other cousins and all her other Sisters of Divine Providence. She was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Beulah Helen Ratley Sullivan and grandmother, Katherine Ratley who raised her.

The Rosary is Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. and the Wake is at 6:30 p.m. A Mass of Resurrection will be Thursday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m. All services will be in Annunciation Chapel at Our Lady of the Lake Convent Center.

In lieu of flowers, you may wish to make a memorial contribution to the Sisters of Divine Providence, 515 S.W. 24th Street, San Antonio, TX 78207-4619.