

SISTER PATRICE SULLIVAN, CDP

Sister Patrice Sullivan, CDP, formerly Dolores Sullivan, entered eternal life on May 29, 2016 at the age of 78. Born to John Sullivan and Ruth Limbocker Sullivan, she grew up with three brothers. Dolores was born October 25, 1937, in Corpus Christi. Her parents sent her to 7th and 8th grades at St. Martin Hall at Our Lady of the Lake, and she stayed for both high school and college at OLL. After her freshman year of college, she decided to enter the Sisters of Divine Providence. She professed first vows on June 22, 1958 and began her multi-faceted life in ministry as a high school Biology teacher in 1959.

Sister Patrice earned a B.A. in Biological Sciences and loved her eleven years of teaching science; she was enthusiastically appreciated by her students in Texas and Oklahoma. Her next step was to work with women preparing to become Sisters. However, she was strongly drawn to minister with persons in great need, and took a position in a Fort Worth parish doing social outreach. This experience convinced her that there was a great need for legal services for people who couldn't afford representation. So, she went to Southern Methodist University to study law at age 42 and passed the bar in 1984. As an attorney, she expressed what she did as "legal ministry." She served first in family law, then with immigrants and, thirdly with disabled individuals needing services.

Ready to serve where she was needed, Sister Patrice accepted the call of her Congregation to serve in a leadership position on the General Council from 1999 to 2005.

Sister Patrice is known as a warm, funny, energetic, faith-filled woman, fully committed to peace and justice, and trusting deeply in God's Providence. She was an active advocate for the abolishment of the death penalty and led the silent prayer vigils in front of the convent each time a Texas execution took place.

She is survived by her brothers Daniel (Corky) and Michael (Mick) Sullivan, her other Sisters of Divine Providence, and by nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents John and Ruth Limbocker Sullivan, brothers John (Buck) and Patrick (Patty Boy) Sullivan and four siblings who died in infancy.

The Rosary is at 4:00 p.m. and the Wake at 6:30 p.m., both on June 1 at Annunciation Chapel at Our Lady of the Lake Convent. A Mass of Resurrection will be on June 2 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Chapel at Our Lady of the Lake Convent.

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.