

SISTER VIRGINIA LEE VANDERLICK, CDP
1928 - 2018



Sister Virginia Lee Vanderlick, CDP entered eternal life on June 10, 2018 at the age of 90. Her parents were Henry J. and Mary Blanche Vermaelen Vanderlick. Her baptismal name was Mary Louise. Sister Virginia Lee was born on March 8, 1928 in Alexandria, Louisiana. She answered God's call to become a Sister of Divine Providence on September 10, 1949, and professed first vows on June 22, 1952. She was a well-known and beloved Catholic School educator for 61 years in Texas and Louisiana.

On June 10, 2018 Sister Virginia Lee Vanderlick went to meet her Lord, whom she had served so faithfully for the past 66 years as a Sister of Divine Providence.

Sister V. Lee, as she was affectionately called, was born and reared on Bayou Rapides Road in Alexandria, Louisiana, graduated from Providence Academy in 1944, became a beautician and owned and operated the Alexandria Beauty Shop for five years. Then, in 1949 she entered Our Lady of the Lake Convent in San Antonio, Texas. After three years of spiritual / religious formation, she willingly and joyfully pronounced her Religious Vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience.

For the next 61 years, Sister V. Lee worked very zealously in Catholic Education. Her first mission was St. Anne's School in Houston, Texas. She also taught at St. Martin Hall in San Antonio, Texas, St. Anthony's in Harlingen, Texas, St. Genevieve's in Lafayette, Louisiana, and St. Francis in Iota, Louisiana.

After teaching for 10 years in Texas and Louisiana, she began 39 years as a principal, the last 29 of those years at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Alexandria, Louisiana. In 2001 she became President and a teacher at the school for 12 additional years.

Sister V. Lee was quite well known for her homemade cookies which she shared with her friends, shut-ins and anyone who might need a pick-up. She was also very devoted to Our Lady and was known to give the Green Scapular, which is a symbol of love and protection by the Blessed Mother, to many.

She was a "charter" member of the Catholic Daughters of America at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Parish, and a member of the Belgian-American Club.

She is survived by siblings Henry Jr. (Sally) Vanderlick, Dr. Charles (Helen) Vanderlick, Cecilia Mathews, David (Dot) Vanderlick, and all her Sisters of Divine Providence. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. She was preceded in

death by her parents Henry and Mary Blanche Vanderlick and sibling, Sister Cecile Clare Vanderlick, CDP, and brother-in-law, Dick Mathews.

The Rosary is Wednesday, June 13 at 4:00 p.m. and the Wake is at 6:30 p.m. A Memorial Mass will be Thursday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m. All services will be in Annunciation Chapel at Our Lady of the Lake Convent Center.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for Sister Virginia Lee on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church. A reception will follow in Divine Providence Hall – all are invited.

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