

Sister Timothy Cullen, C.P.P.S.

Born: December 10, 1928

Professed: August 10, 1951

Entered into Life: March 23, 2021

Verse on her memorial card:

““He who is mighty has done great things for me.”” - Magnificent

March 24, 2021



Dear Sisters,

At approximately 12:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, God called our Sister Timothy Cullen home. Her health declined quickly in recent weeks, and since Saturday, our sisters in the Abbey kept vigil with her, praying silently by the doorway of her room.

Born on December 10, 1928, Sister Timothy was the fifth of the six children of Richard and Veronica (Campbell) Cullen. She was baptized Lorraine at St. John the Baptist parish in St. Louis where she attended both elementary school and high school. She entered our novitiate in 1949 and professed first vows on August 10, 1951.

Sister Timothy gave wholeheartedly of herself as a homemaker and food service worker. She served at St. Agnes, Bloomsdale; Most Sacred Heart and St. Sabina, Florissant; St. Domenico Home, the Archbishop's Residence, and St. George, all in St. Louis; at our Motherhouse and Novitiate, O'Fallon; and, at St. Joseph's Home for the Aged (later Mount Carmel), St. Charles.

Sister Timothy was a woman of simple and deep faith. She trusted implicitly in Jesus' love for her, and it was in that unquestioned love that she found her identity and sense of self-worth. She shared that love freely with others and had the ability to make each person feel that she or he was the most special person in her life.

She took pride in her work and prepared meals with love and care. Once when there was a display of work from the Ecclesiastical Art Department, she was heard to quip, "My artwork is walking all around this dining room." She kept her eye out for anyone who might need a special treat, including novices who might have been deprived of dessert because of an infraction of the rules.

Sister Timothy particularly enjoyed her ministry at Mount Carmel in St. Charles where she made many friends among the staff and residents. During her tenure there she

wrote, "I love what I do so much. I feel I have grown in many ways and continue to do so." In 2005, she retired from Mount Carmel and began the ministry of prayer and presence in O'Fallon where she volunteered in many capacities; as recently as this past summer, she was still helping to distribute mail.

Sister Tim was very proud of her Irish heritage and had a wonderful sense of humor. She loved to sign her many thoughtful notes as Sister Tim "O'Cullen;" in later years the signature changed to Sister Tim "Old Cullen."

Sister Timothy cherished her family and loved visiting with them. She felt privileged to be able to help care for her mother in her mother's final years. Her nephews and nieces returned the favor, visiting her faithfully, with a nephew paying one final visit on Monday.

Sister Timothy was preceded in death by her parents; by her brothers, Richard, Robert, and Edward; and by her sisters, Rosemary Schneider and Janet Nash. She is survived by nieces, nephews, and many friends. Please keep all of them and her profession classmates in your prayers.

Her family requested waiting to celebrate the funeral Mass until they can attend safely, and we want to honor that request. There will be a wake at Baue Funeral Home at 3950 West Clay, St. Charles, MO from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, followed by burial in our convent cemetery at 4 p.m. The sisters at Villa Theresa will gather in Precious Blood Chapel for a vesper service of Thanksgiving immediately after the burial. We invite the sisters on mission to pray from their own locations. Per Sister Timothy's request, there will not be a sharing of memories.

When Sister Timothy moved to Abbey Senior Health in September 2020, she posted a note on the bulletin board at Villa Theresa that said in part, "Thank you from my heart, an Irish heart holding much love for each of you. Your love for me has guided me to Him . . . You have meant so much to me. Forgive me if I have hurt anyone." Sister Tim "Old Cullen," you have meant so much to us! May you be experiencing deep peace and joy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sr. Janice Bader". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Sr. Janice Bader