

Sister Dory Obermann, C.PP.S.

Born: October 14, 1949

Professed: May 29, 2983

Entered into Life: July 25, 2021

Verse on her memorial card:

**“I will lead her into the desert and speak
to her heart.” Hosea 2:16**



July 27, 2021

Dear Sisters,

At approximately 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, 2021, our Sister Dory Obermann completed her earthly journey surrounded by her nephew and his wife, Sister Ginny Jaskiewicz, Kas Spletzer, and Dawn Boschert. We can trust that our loving God and Dory’s family were waiting with open arms to welcome her home. Since one of Dory’s greatest joys was offering hospitality, how fitting that this Sunday’s Gospel told of Jesus feeding five thousand.

Born on October 14, 1949, Doris Ann (Dory) was the second of two children of Arthur and Betty (Fuhrmann) Obermann. Dory grew up in Jackson, Missouri; it was there that she met our sisters who served in her parish, Immaculate Conception. She entered our novitiate in 1982 and professed first vows on May 29, 1983. She completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration at Maryville University in 1989.

Sister Dory gave whole-heartedly of herself in each of her diverse ministries. In St. Louis she served as a secretary at St. Joseph School for the Deaf and as an accountant at Villa St. Joseph Motherhouse. In Pennsylvania, she served as the administrator of Precious Blood Spiritual Center in Columbia and as the program coordinator and acting director of St. Mary’s Residential Home in Philadelphia. She served as receptionist and administrative assistant at The Catholic High School of Baltimore, MD. She brought her tremendous organizational skills and her deep love of our sisters to her service as the administrator and personnel director for our Motherhouse and to her ministry as our community’s secretary general.

Thoughtful is too small a word to describe Sister Dory’s outreach to so many. Birthdays, holidays, and special events always brought a personal, hand-written card from Dory. She loved to organize parties and gatherings—she exuded

welcome and hospitality. As secretary general, she built staff morale through office parties and through her many ways of expressing appreciation for each person.

Dory's warm smile embodied the words of one of her favorite poems, "If you live close to God in His infinite grace, you don't have to tell it, it shows in your face" (*God Shows in Your Face*, Karlene Garner). Her love for God and others showed in her smile, in her actions, and in her oft expressed, "I love you."

Sister Dory was preceded in death by her parents and by her brother, Ronald. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Janice Obermann; her nephew, Ronald (Karen) Obermann, Jr.; her niece, Nicole Singh; a great niece, Isabelle Singh; and by aunts, uncles, and cousins. Dory also leaves behind many, many friends. Please keep her family and friends in prayer, particularly Kas Spletzer, who has shared a home with Dory for more than twenty years.

There will be a wake at Baue Funeral Home in O'Fallon from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2021. Sister's body will return to St. Joseph Chapel at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 6. We will have a Sharing of Memories at 10 a.m. and her Funeral Mass at 11 a.m., all in St. Joseph Chapel. Internment will be in our convent cemetery.

Sister Dory chose for her memorial card the verse from Hosea that was on the cover of the program for her final vows: "I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart." Dory did, indeed, experience desert times in her life; she always longed for and stayed alert and ready to hear and respond to the word of God in her heart. May she now be experiencing the fullness of God's Word and Love.

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