

Sister Ginny Flowers, C.PP.S.

Born: October 7, 1962

Professed: September 6, 1992

Entered into Life: August 9, 2022

Verse on her memorial card:

“I shall not die, but live and recount God’s blessings.” Psalm 118:17



August 15, 2022

Dear Sisters, Family Members, and Friends,

At approximately 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, our Sister Virginia (Ginny) Flowers, was welcomed to her eternal home. Members of her family and Sister Sandra Barton were with her at Barnes Hospital during her final hours.

Ginny Flowers was born in St. Louis, MO, on October 7, 1962, the fourth of twelve children of Lambert and Donna (Winzen) Flowers. As a member of St. John the Baptist Parish, Ginny received both elementary and secondary education there. She credited this education for giving her “a stable and challenging foundation within my religious faith.”

Approximately two years after graduation from high school, Ginny began an affiliate relationship with our community. She entered our novitiate in 1991 and professed first vows on September 6, 1992. Sr. Ginny received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri, St. Louis, and a master’s degree in education from Fontbonne University.

Growing up in a large family, Ginny learned to be a helper. She helped her mother with cooking, cleaning, and caring for her younger sisters and brothers. Along with her other siblings, she also helped her father in their family grocery store. Ginny was particularly solicitous in caring for her youngest brother, Kevin. Perhaps it was that early caregiving that led her to minister to and extend extraordinary love to those with special needs.

In St. Louis, Sister Ginny taught at the Missouri School for the Blind and Immacolata School. She served as a caregiver assistant at Martha’s Hands, and as a paraprofessional at Roger’s School and Trautwein Elementary School. She

served her own sisters as the Community Life Coordinator for St. Joseph Retirement Center. Since 2018, she has been in the ministry of Prayer and Presence, first at The Sarah Community, and then at Our Mother of Good Counsel.

Sister Ginny's hobbies included reading, listening to music, and working with crafts. She was part of the St. John the Baptist Parish Choir and Bell Choir. She enjoyed being active with the Catholic Youth Council's Father Bill Scheid Players, having roles in their production of *The Music Man* and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. She shared her love of crafts with her students and with the residents of The Sarah Community and Our Mother of Good Counsel.

Sister Ginny was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her siblings and their spouses: Lambert (Lura) Flowers Jr., Tom Flowers, Terri (Thom) Barr, Jim (Claire) Flowers, Bob (Lisa) Flowers, Dave (Linda) Flowers, Lisa (Tom) Baumann, Colleen (Bill) Winterbauer, Mary Jo (Jon) Knyff, Jason (Amy) Flowers, and Kevin Flowers. Let us be generous in supporting them with our prayers as they mourn the loss of their sister.

There will be a wake at Baue Funeral Home in O'Fallon from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. We will welcome Sister Ginny's body to St. Joseph Chapel at 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 18. There will be a Sharing of Memories at 1:30 p.m. and the Mass of Christian Burial at 2 p.m. that day. Sister Ginny will be buried in our convent cemetery.

For her 25th Jubilee, Sister Ginny chose the story of the transfiguration as the Gospel reading. We know that shortly after that glorious experience, Jesus faced his passion and death. Sister Ginny also faced much suffering in her short life, including multiple chronic illnesses. We pray that she is now seeing Jesus' transfigured glory and hearing the words, "This is my daughter whom I love. Welcome home."

Sincerely,

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

Sr. Janice Bader