



SR. PATRICIA KELLEY, RGS

March 17, 1926 - September 9, 2006

BIOGRAPHY

MARLBOROUGH- Sister Patricia Kelley, RGS (Sr. Mary Daniel) died at Good Shepherd Center on September 8, 2006 after a (brief) illness. She was 80 years of age and had been a Sister of the Good Shepherd for 58 years.

Sister Patricia was born Patricia Therese on St. Patrick's Day in Medford, MA the daughter of John T. and Bertha (Green) Kelley. She was educated at Immaculate Conception School and Girls' Catholic High School in Malden, MA and received her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Regis College, Weston, MA in 1948. She subsequently received her Master's Degree as a Psychiatric Social Worker from the Catholic University of America. Sister Patricia entered the Good Shepherd Novitiate in Peekskill, NY in 1948 to begin her formal training for her long career caring for the poor and marginalized of society, with special focus on teen-age girls and women. She became casework supervisor and Director of Social Service at Mt. Florence residential treatment center in Peekskill, NY until 1961 when she was missioned to Springfield, MA as a social worker and Director of Social Service, returning again to Peekskill in the same capacity. She was asked to serve at Villa Loretto in Peekskill as Executive Director, and later became social work supervisor and Director of Social Service at St. Anne's Institute in Albany, NY.

In 1978 she began a long 12-year career as Director of Catholic Family and Community Services of Warren County, Warrensburg, New York. In 1987 she was awarded the Liberty Bell Award for that year as part of the Law Day observance in that county. Given yearly since 1966 to a non-lawyer who offers a significant contribution to the community, Sister Patricia was cited for her "help and assistance to those in need." Sister Patricia was director of the project to provide help for domestic violence victims and to establish safe homes for women and children in emergency situations.

Sister Patricia's many talents in her field continued to find expression in a variety of human services including chaplain at St. Mary's Church in Glens Falls, NY. During this time she was invited to go to Guatemala by the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. In 1996 she was actively involved in providing social services for mothers and babies in Texas at the Low Birthweight Development Center in Dallas.

Sister Patricia celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 1998 and has continued to be involved with the world-wide Good Shepherd program called "Handcrafting Justice," which utilizes the skills of impoverished women in the Third World, providing training programs for their specialized crafts, such as weaving, and handcrafted products of all kinds. The sisters provide markets in the United States and Australia that will generate income for these women struggling for economic justice and independence in the developing world. Sister Patricia has conducted many fairs



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FACTS

Born: March 17, 1926

Place of Birth: Medford, MA

Death: September 9, 2006

Place of Death: Marlborough, MA

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in Hudson, MA and Marlborough, MA even up to the time of her last illness. People have been generous, and all the proceeds go to the women creating the hand-crafted items.

Sister Patricia also served as Chaplain at New Horizons of Marlborough over the past two years.

Sister Patricia is survived by first cousins, Bernadette Armstrong of Hanover, Veronica White, Claire DeVincentis and Patricia White all of Bridgewater and John White of Wareham. She is also survived by many second cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered for Sister Patricia by Rev. Robert Rivard at Good Shepherd Center Chapel at 406 Hemenway Street, Marlborough, MA 01752 on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. Calling hours will be held on Monday, September 11, 2006 from 4-8 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Center Chapel with a prayer service at 6:30 pm. Burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery in East Malden, MA. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fitzgerald & Collins Funeral Home (www.SFCFH.com), 378 Lincoln St., Marlborough. Expressions of sympathy in her memory may be made to the Good Shepherd Retirement Fund, 406 Hemenway St., Marlborough, MA 01752. The Sisters of the Good Shepherd were founded by St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier in France in 1829, in the United States (Louisville, KY, 1843), Boston, 1867, and Harwichport, 1993.

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FUNERAL

Tuesday September 12, 2006, 11:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd Chapel

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BURIAL

Tuesday September 12, 2006 at Holy Cross Cemetery

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