

**SISTER PATRICIA KOSSMAN, O.S.F. (Timothy) 679**

**Born:** December 1, 1927 in Columbus, Ohio  
**Parents:** John and Edna (Sunday) Kossman  
**Postulancy:** January 25, 1947  
**Novitiate:** August 12, 1947  
**First Profession:** August 12, 1949  
**Final Profession:** August 12, 1952  
**Died:** Tuesday morning, January 29, 1991 in Columbus, Ohio



**Ministry:**

1949 - 1954 Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, IL, Grades 4, 5 & 6  
1954 - 1956 St. Edward, Ashland, OH, Grades 5 & 6  
1956 - 1957 St. Mary, Plainfield, IL, Grades 3 & 4  
1957 - 1960 St. John the Baptist, Payne, OH, Grades 2, 3, 5 & 6  
1960 - 1964 St. Michael, Worthington, OH, Grades 7 & 8  
1964 - 1966 Sacred Heart, Hubbard Woods, IL, Grade 8  
1966 - 1967 St. Jude, Cleveland, OH, Grade 8  
1967 - 1969 Our Lady of Grace, Muskegon, MI, Superior & Principal  
Grades 7 & 8  
1969 - 1971 St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus, OH, Grade 6  
1971 - 1991 Corpus Christi, Columbus, OH, Grade 7

**Wake:** Wednesday, January 30, 1991 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Thursday, January 31, 1991 at Maeder-Quint Funeral Home,  
Columbus, Ohio

Friday, February 1, 1991 from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service at 4:30 p.m. in Joliet

**Mass of Christian Burial:** Friday, February 1, 1991 at 7 p.m.

**Burial:** Saturday, February 2, 1991 at 9:00 a.m.  
Interment at Resurrection Cemetery

**Survived by brother:** John David Kossman of Columbus, OH

*For those who have been faithful, O Lord,  
life is not ended, but merely changed.*

Early on January 29, just a month after a severe heart attack and a brave comeback, Sr. Pat Kossman suffered another attack and died enroute to the hospital.

Pat was born to John and Edna Kossman on December 1, 1927 in Columbus, Ohio. She and her brother, David, spent their early years at St. Leo's. After graduating from St. Mary's High School, Pat entered the Congregation and pursued a B.A. from the College of St. Francis. In 1964 she earned the Seraphic Institute of Theology Certificate from the College and later received an Advanced Certificate of Sacred Theology from the Columbus Diocese.

After teaching a few years in Plainfield and Hubbard Woods, Illinois and serving as superior/principal in Muskegan, Michigan, Pat spent most of her teaching in Ohio: Ashland, Payne, Worthington, Cleveland and Columbus.

She had a strong sense of helping the more unfortunate and this sense of social justice was evidenced in her great desire to continue teaching at Corpus Christi where she spent the last 20 years of ministry, and during which the parish and school became integrated. She was convinced that this was the place where she could help form attitudes, develop skills and inculcate values in junior high students, whose surroundings offered contrary values. She felt she could make a difference in these lives by nurturing a belief in themselves and motivating them to better their lives.

Pat had a special care for the elderly and sick. She spent time taking care of her mother and later other family members in spite of her own illness or pains.

Pat, in her great simplicity, touched all of the lives that made up her world: students, friends, loved ones. We remember her and are thankful to her for her tremendous sense of humor and wit, which had a way of softening situations that were tense and difficult. We remember her for her strong and steadfast commitment to educating the young which sprung from her desire to not only impart knowledge but was an opportunity to teach values to young students. We remember Pat for her faithfulness to her religious call which motivated her to try to build community wherever she found herself - parish, school, or home. We thank her for her ability to create good times through her wit and contagious and hearty laughter which lightened many a get together, and drew people to her.

We will miss you, Pat, your joyful attitude and buoyant spirit, but we know that you are in the arms of God, looking down on us and loving us. Your spirit will live on with us and be a source of energy as we remember who you were to each of us. May the heavenly throngs welcome you with a great spirit of rejoicing and a boisterous Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia.

