



**Sister Kathleen Tomlonovic, CHM**  
**January 23, 1939 – March 2, 2019**

Sister Kathleen Tomlonovic (Marie Celeste), 80, died on March 2, 2019, at ManorCare Utica Ridge, Davenport, Iowa. Visitation will be at Humility of Mary Center Magnificat Chapel, Davenport, Iowa, on Friday, March 8, with Rosary at 4:00 p.m. and Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial at Christ the King Chapel, St. Ambrose University, is on Saturday, March 9, 11:00 a.m., preceded by visitation, 9:30 - 10:45 a.m., and followed by burial in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. A meal at Cosgrove Hall will be served after the Mass and after the burial.

Kathleen Marie was born January 23, 1939, to Vincent and Margaret Markey Tomlonovic in Des Moines, IA. She graduated from Ottumwa Heights College, Ottumwa, Iowa, and entered the Congregation of the Humility of Mary in Ottumwa on September 8, 1958, professing vows in July 1961.

S. Kathleen earned degrees in English, BA, Marycrest College, Davenport; Religion, MA, Fordham University, Bronx, NY; Asian Language/Literature, MA, University of Iowa, Iowa City; and Asian Language/Literature, PhD, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

Her ministries included elementary education, religious education at the Diocese of Davenport and the House of Studies, college instructor, professor of Chinese Language, and director of Asian Studies Center in schools and colleges in Iowa, Taiwan, and Washington. She taught at St. Henry School, Marshalltown, for four years. She was active in the life, service and leadership of her CHM community, excelling in the gift of hospitality. In retirement, she was a scholar-in-residence at St. Ambrose University, Davenport.

She taught at Marycrest College, Davenport, for five years in the religion department. Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat, a CHM sponsored ministry, benefited from seven years of S. Kathleen's service as member and secretary of the Advisory Committee.

S. Kathleen is survived by brothers Vincent (Pam Oster) and James (Mardell), sisters Sharon (Bill) Padgett, Grace (Duane) Brown, Susan (John) Heggen, Nancy (Steve) Thornton, Jodi Tomlonovic and Judy Herold, numerous nieces and nephews, and her CHM religious community.

Sr. Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Patricia Daft and Elizabeth Cronin.

Memorials may be made to the Congregation of the Humility of Mary, 820 West Central Park Avenue, Davenport, Iowa.