

## **Sister Lucille Martel** **Soeur Lucille-du-Divin-Coeur**

Lucille Marilyn Martel was born August 21, 1936, in Southbridge, MA to Rosalind (Lorange) Martel and Almanzar Martel. At the time of Lucille's birth, her family lived in the Sacred Heart Parish area of Southbridge and later moved to Notre Dame Parish. Her home was across the street from Notre Dame convent and school. Consequently, her young life blossomed in the shadow of the Sisters of the Assumption who from a very young age, were her role models. Lucille's education from Grades 1-12 was under their tutelage at Notre Dame Elementary School and Notre Dame Academy.

As a cherished only child, Lucille grew up in a faith-filled, hospitable, genial and peaceful home. A loving extended family and numerous friends enriched her happy and carefree life. She wrote: "My parents loved me dearly and took every opportunity to show me this love. From a very young age, I was expected to be 'a young lady' and to assume household responsibilities due to the fact that my mother worked outside the home during war years and following this, her health continually declined." From an early age, Lucille lived her life striving for perfection in all that she did and in all that she was.

An excellent student, Lucille participated not only scouting, but also in school/church related activities where she made friends easily and experienced much joy. Being a sister and a teacher were her main objective. She realized that her departure would create a painful and significant void in her parents whose lives were totally focused on her. Lucille wrote:

"Throughout my life, I have always experienced the faithful, gentle and supportive love of my God. Could God and my parents have made a secret pact? God would continue to spoil me in their stead and consequently make up for their absence. May God's eternal presence fill the void created by my departure for Nicolet which led to the fulfillment of my SASV dream."

Thus, on August 21, 1954 on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, Lucille entered the Noviciate of the Sisters of the Assumption in Nicolet to fulfill her life's calling. In 1956, her first assignment as a teacher of Grade 5 at St. Joseph School in Salem, MA, began her ministry as an educator for 13 years in the classroom and 23 years in school administration.

Sr. Lucille thoroughly enjoyed her work due to the variety and the opportunity to touch so many lives in significant ways. Her generous and caring heart embraced all especially the poor and afflicted. She was happiest when she could do/could be for others. For her, this was the ideal situation.

Gifted with outstanding talent, remarkable communication skills, a capacity to face risks and challenges and a passionate desire for the mission to reveal the Father's love through education characterized Sr. Lucille as a thoughtful, dedicated, discreet and compassionate leader.

Upon retiring from her administrative duties, Sr. Lucille channeled her professional energy into working for the Diocese of Worcester, MA as a receptionist, proof-reader and Circulation Manager at the Catholic Free Press. She fulfilled this ministry with the same diligence and attention to detail that she brought to any responsibility confided to her.

Sr. Lucille wrote: "My very special sister, companion and friend, Sr. Lorraine Normand and her family were truly a precious gift from God. I was loved and accepted as a Normand Family member and this wonderful gift more than compensated for my lack of personal family members."

As Sr. Lucille's outer being began to diminish, her inner being was increasing. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, she persevered in faith as she shared in Christ's passion. As she filled up in her life what is lacking to the passion of Christ, only Sr. Lucille's Beloved knows its redemptive value for the building up of Christ's Body.

Sr. Lucille lived her life with grace and dignity. Her being radiated God's presence through compassion, altruism, love and service. Her love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus permeated every facet of her daily realities. She glorified God as a Sister of the Assumption for 67 Years.

Lucille, as you rejoice in the eternal love of your beloved parents and in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, your beloved Spouse, please intercede for us as we journey home to be reunited with you one day.

# LES SŒURS DE L'ASSOMPTION DE LA SAINTE VIERGE

## Sœur LUCILLE MARTEL

<b>Rang</b>	2324	<b>Engagement</b>	Enseignante	<b>Onction des malades</b>	2021-02-17
<b>Nom civil</b>	Martel, Lucille	<b>Entrée</b>	1954-08-21	<b>Nom du prêtre</b>	Conrad S. Pecevich
<b>Nom religieux</b>	Lucille-du-Divin-Cœur	<b>Vœux temporaires</b>	1957-02-15	<b>Lieu et heure</b>	Health Center, 14 h00
<b>Père</b>	Martel, Almanzar	<b>Vœux perpétuels</b>	1962-08-15	<b>Date des funérailles</b>	2021-09-04
<b>Mère</b>	Lorange, Rosalind	<b>Date du décès</b>	2021-08-30	<b>Président</b>	Michael Lavallée, ptr
<b>Naissance</b>	1936-08-21	<b>Heure du décès</b>	9 h 30	<b>Heure</b>	-
<b>Lieu</b>	Southbridge, MA	<b>Lieu du décès</b>	M. Esther H. Center-Marlboro	<b>Lieu des funérailles</b>	Chapelle de M. Esther Health Center – Marlboro
<b>Baptême</b>	1936-09-06	<b>Âge au décès</b>	85 ans, 09 jrs	<b>Inhumation</b>	Cimetière de Petersham
<b>Lieu du baptême</b>	Southbridge, MA	<b>Années en religion</b>	67 ans, 09 jrs		

LIEUX D'ENGAGEMENT	ENGAGEMENT PROFESSIONNEL	ANNÉES
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<b>Brockton (Mass) # 30</b>	Titulaire en 4 <sup>e</sup> année	Février 1957
<b>Spencer (Mass) # 21</b>	Titulaire en 5 <sup>e</sup> année	1957-1958
<b>Bristol (Conn) # 61</b>	Titulaire en 5 <sup>e</sup> année	1958-1960
<b>Meriden (Conn) # 22</b>	Titulaire en 6 <sup>e</sup> année	1960-1962
<b>Northbridge (Mass) # 89</b>	Titulaire en 7 <sup>e</sup> et 8 <sup>e</sup> années	1962-1965
<b>Lowell, Saint-Louis-de-France (MA) # 40</b>	Titulaire en 7 <sup>e</sup> et 8 <sup>e</sup> années	1965-1966
<b>Lowell, Saint-Louis-de-France (MA) # 40</b>	Titulaire en 8 <sup>e</sup> année	1966-1967
<b>Indian Orchard (Mass) # 26</b>	Titulaire en 8 <sup>e</sup> année	1967-1968
<b>Petersham, Maison prov. (MASS) # 145</b>	Étudiante au Collège Anna Maria, Paxton (Mass)	1968-1969
<b>Northbridge (Mass) # 89</b>	Animatrice locale; directrice de l'école; enseignante en anglais, en mathématiques et en littérature en 8 <sup>e</sup> année	1969-1972
<b>Northbridge Mass) # 89</b>	Directrice de l'école; enseignante en anglais, en mathématiques et en littérature en 6 <sup>e</sup> année	1972-1974
<b>Bristol (Conn) # 61</b>	Directrice de l'école Sainte-Anne	1974-1978
<b>Brockton (Mass) # 30</b>	Directrice de l'école Sacré-Cœur	1978-1983
<b>Lowell, Saint-Louis-de-France (MA) # 40</b>	Directrice de l'école St-Louis	1983-1988
<b>Lowell, Saint-Louis-de-France (MA) # 40</b>	Directrice de l'école St-Louis ; sacristine à la chapelle du couvent	1988-1993

<b>Millbury (Mass) # 75</b>	Chroniqueuse; directrice du service de diffusion au Catholic Free Press du diocèse de Worcester (Mass)	1993-1997
<b>Worcester, Lincoln Street (Mass) # 217</b>	Chroniqueuse; directrice du service de diffusion au Catholic Free Press	1997-1998
<b>Worcester, Lincoln Street (Mass) # 217</b>	Directrice du service de diffusion au Catholic Free Press; secrétaire de la Corporation SASV; chroniqueuse	1998-2009
<b>Worcester, Lincoln Street (Mass) # 217</b>	Animatrice locale; responsable à temps partiel de la diffusion au Catholic Free Press du diocèse de Worcester (Mass); secrétaire de la Corporation SASV; chroniqueuse	2009-2012
<b>Worcester, Lincoln Street (Mass) # 217</b>	Animatrice locale; secrétaire de la société SASV; notaire publique; chroniqueuse	2012-2018
<b>Marlboro, Marie Esther Health Center (Mass)</b>	Ministère de la prière	2018-2021