Sister Lucille Hintze

Sister Lucille Hintze, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family for 71 years, died Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at the age of 99+ at the Sisters’ Motherhouse in Fremont. She was born Dolores Lucille Hintze on November 18, 1920, in Chicago, and entered the congregation from St. Mary’s Parish in Los Gatos, California, on July 2, 1948, at the age of 28.

Sister Lucille served in catechetical ministry in various dioceses in the Bay Area from her profession until 1992, during many of those years also teaching math, history and reading at Holy Family College. She joined the sisters having already earned an MA from Stanford; during her time as a sister she went on to earn an MA in Applied Theology and a PhD from the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, and an STD from San Francisco Theological in San Anselmo.

When health permitted, Sister Lucille enjoyed traveling, and published a book about her travels, as well as a book of her writings and her Haiku.

Sister Lucille moved to the Motherhouse in Fremont in September of 1992, and from there carried on her ministry of prayer and outreach, communicating with a long list of people by email, phone, Jacquie Lawson e-cards and mail.

She is remembered by the sisters as being a great teacher. “I never understood geometry, and she explained it to me in a way that the light went on and I got it!” said one of the sisters about her.