

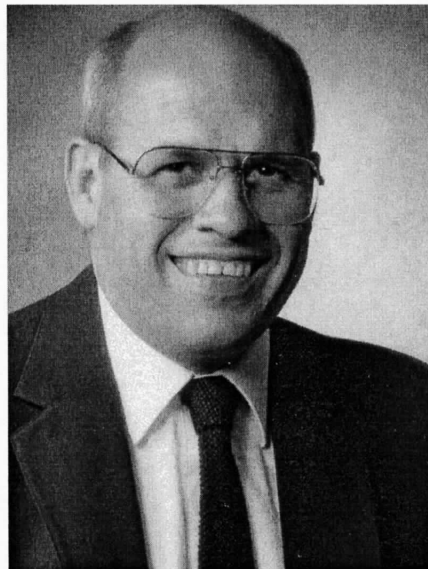
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**December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Brother Richard Erwin Gilson, C.S.C.**

*born: 13 January 1943*

*died: 3 December 2000*



Richard was born in Cleveland and graduated from St. Edward High School. He joined the Brothers and entered St. Joseph's Novitiate at Rolling Prairie in 1961. He then began undergraduate studies at St. Edward's University. He was attracted to a nursing career, and was assigned to begin health care work at the priests' Holy Cross House at Notre Dame. He spent 2 years there and continued the work for a year at the Brothers' new infirmary, Dujarie House. Richard then began his nursing studies at the Holy Cross School of Nursing in South Bend and graduated as a registered nurse in 1970. He served both at Dujarie House and also St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend. He became the director of Dujarie House from 1972 to 1979. After a sabbatical, he returned as a full-time nurse to St. Joseph Medical Center for nearly 20 years. Richard served hundreds of patients and was remembered by his colleagues as being patient, quietly competent, punctual, and always cheerfully available, especially for extra duty. His knowledge and comforting presence were valued by his patients and co-workers.

*"Let your kindness be a comfort to me."*

**-- Psalm 119:76**

*"Our greatest good, and what we can spare, is hope and comfort."*

**-- John Armstrong**