

Sister Celeste Bowe

Sister Celeste, Daughter of Charity, St. Vincent de Paul; Catherine Mary (Ina) Bowe (1931-1976), MBE, SRN, RNMD, Dip N. ONC. First place in Great Britain Orthopaedic Nursing final exam (1951); London University Diploma in Nursing (1965); Sister Tutor's Diploma (1967). Educated: Churchtown National School and Convent of Mercy, Buttevant. She was a Sister at North Infirmary, Cork; Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin, Dublin and at St Vincent's Orthopaedic Hospital, Pinner, Middlesex; Principal Tutor, St Joseph's School of Nursing, Rosewell, Scotland; Chairman, Lothian Health Board's Nursing and Midwifery Committee. Her selfless work for the mental health services in the UK was recognised with the award of MBE in 1975.

Ina Bowe's obituary in the 'Nursing Times' concluded: "It will be for her personal qualities too that we will treasure the memory of Sister Celeste. Among her many gifts were those of courage and compassion; she was a fighter when necessary but always with grace and charm. She won the love and affection of us all. Through her the dignity of all has been enhanced and the nursing profession enriched."

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