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SISTER JOSEPHINE CARTANZA, MPF

Sr. Josephine Cartanza, MPF, 99, died unexpectedly the morning of Saturday, March 18, 2017, at St. Joseph Hall, Villa Walsh, Morristown, N.J.

The viewing will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Saint Lucy Chapel at Villa Walsh, Morristown, N.J., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 4:00 p.m. celebrated by Rev. Ron Sordillo, chaplain for St. Joseph Hall. Interment will follow the liturgy at the Ave Maria Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Doyle Funeral Home, Morristown, N.J.

Born and raised in Swedesboro, N.J., Sr. Josephine entered the Religious Teachers Filippini on Sept. 18, 1934, invested on July 7, 1935, and made her final religious profession July 3, 1938.

Sr. Josephine was awarded a BA degree with a major in history from the College of St. Elizabeth, and received an MA in Spanish from the Catholic University of Puerto Rico which included studies in the University of Salamanca, Spain, and the University of Guadalajara, Mexico.

Sr. Josephine taught in the elementary grades at Our Lady of Sorrows, and Holy Rosary, Jersey City, taught on the secondary level at St. Joseph, Hammonton, N.J., 1947-71; Our Lady of Pompeii, Baltimore, MD, 1973-76; Villa Walsh Academy, Morristown, N.J. 1979 - 93. For many summers, Sr. Josephine taught History at Villa Walsh College.

Sister Josephine, a gifted and joy-filled educator, taught history for many years, and in her later years excelled in teaching Spanish. These subjects were her forte and the gift that shaped her students. Teaching was her passion, and this was complemented by her intense love, care and concern for her students. Consequently, this earned her the deep respect and affection of her pupils.

From 1976 - 1979 Sister Josephine cared for her aged mother and then her dying brother from 1993 - 1995. When Sr. Josephine returned to Villa Walsh in 1995 she assisted with household responsibilities, always reliable and happy to serve and never idle. After a fall injury, she became a resident at St. Joseph Hall in 2007.

Sr. Josephine was predeceased by her father, Harry and her mother, Josephine (Cutulie) Cartanza; siblings Grace Meyers, and Rita, Mike, Mary, Philip and Alfred Cartanza. She is survived by loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Sr. Josephine Cartanza may be sent to St. Joseph Hall, c/o Sr. Ascenza Tizzano, MPF, Provincial Superior, Villa Walsh, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.