

SISTER CARMELA CAIZZA, MPF

Sister Carmela Caizza, MPF, died peacefully on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at St. Joseph Hall, Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey. She was 95 years of age.

A viewing will be held on Friday, October 16, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in St. Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 4:00 p.m. After the Liturgy, interment will take place at Ave Maria Cemetery. Arrangements are by Doyle Funeral Home, Morristown, New Jersey.



A native of Red Bank, New Jersey, Sister Carmela entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1946. She received the habit in 1947 and professed her Perpetual Oblation in 1950. Sister Carmela earned her B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Notre Dame, Wilton, Connecticut, and her M.S. degree in Elementary Education from Central Connecticut State College (now University) in New Britain, Connecticut.

In her 79 years of religious life, Sister Carmela served in the roles of primary grade teacher, school Principal, selfless companion of Sisters to their medical appointments, and generous assistant to them in their dietary needs. She was also asked to take on the role of local convent Superior. Sister Carmela lived out her religious life in the (arch)dioceses of Camden, Cleveland, Hartford, Newark, New York, Norwich, Ogdensburg, Paterson, Pittsburgh, and Providence. After having given service since 1991 to the elderly and infirm Sisters in residence at the Infirmary, Sister Carmela in 2016 took up residence at St. Joseph Hall at Villa Walsh in Morristown, New Jersey. For years she offered her Sister companions, visitors, and staff a warm smile and a kind word of gratitude.

Sister Carmela is predeceased by her parents, James and Teresa (Garjulio) Caizza, and by her sisters Josephine White and Edith Simonelli. She is survived by nieces, nephews, friends, and her fellow Religious Teachers Filippini.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Sister Carmela may be made to the Religious Teachers Filippini, c/o Sister Marianne McCann, MPF, Provincial Superior, Villa Walsh, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.