



SISTER GERALDINE CANALE, MPF

Sister Geraldine Canale, MPF, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at St. Joseph Hall, Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ. She was 92 years of age.

A viewing will be held on Monday, November 24, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in St. Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 4:00 p.m. Interment at Ave Maria Cemetery will take place on the morning of Tuesday, November 25. Arrangements are by Doyle Funeral Home, Morristown, NJ.

Born in Watertown, New York, Sister Geraldine entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1949. She received the habit in 1950 and made her Perpetual Oblation in 1953. Sister Geraldine earned her B.S. in Elementary Education and her M.A. in Education from Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey.

In her 75 years of religious life, Sister Geraldine served as classroom teacher of the primary grades, special education, classroom aide, catechist, and parish pastoral minister. She faithfully served in the (arch)dioceses of Brooklyn, Camden, Newark, New York, Ogdensburg, Paterson, Scranton, and Trenton. In addition, Sister Geraldine was appointed local convent superior.

In the Diocese of Camden, Sister Geraldine was assigned to St. Joseph Parish and School in Hammonton, New Jersey, on three different occasions. She taught first-grade in the periods of 1964-1965 and 1978-1994. She is probably most remembered for her generous and lively service as a parish pastoral minister from 2004 to 2020. Due to declining health, Sister Geraldine returned to the motherhouse, Villa Walsh, in Morristown, New Jersey, in 2020, taking up residence in St. Joseph Hall, where she continued to bring life and joy to her fellow Sisters.

Sister Geraldine is predeceased by her parents Nicholas and Josephine (Marzano) Canale and her six siblings: Rose Canale, Gloria Annitto, Martha Schnurr, Rocco Canale, Richard Canale, and Sister Anita Canale, MPF. Sister Geraldine is survived by loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews, their families, and many friends.

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