



# Religious Teachers Filippini

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## Sister Catherine Schimizzi, MPF

Sister Catherine Schimizzi, MPF, 92, died unexpectedly on Thursday, May 16, 2019, at Morristown Medical Center Morristown, N.J.

The wake for Sister Catherine will be held on Monday May 20, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 4:00 p.m. at the Saint Lucy Chapel at Villa Walsh, Morristown, N.J. The celebrant and homilist is Rev. Frank Donio, S.A.C., Director of the Catholic Apostolate Center, Baltimore, MD. Interment will take place at the Ave Maria Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Doyle Funeral Home, Morristown, N.J.

Sister Catherine was born and raised in Watkins Glen, New York. She entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1939, received her habit in 1943, and made her religious profession in 1946. She was a member of the community for 76 years. Sister Catherine was awarded a BS degree in Elementary Education from the College of St. Elizabeth and a MA from Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J.

Sister Catherine served in elementary education, primarily in the intermediate grades, for nearly forty years. The places encompassed the Archdioceses of Newark, NJ, and Hartford, CT, and in the Dioceses of Trenton and Camden, NJ, Cleveland, OH, and Pittsburgh, PA. While at Holy Rosary School - Cleveland, OH, and Holy Rosary School - Jersey City, NJ, she was principal. In many of these assignments, Sister Catherine was also the musician. Sister Catherine was honored by the Archdiocese of Newark at the Sheraton, Meadowlands, NJ, in 1998 for her many years of service in the field of Catholic Education.

Sister Catherine retired at Villa Walsh in 2006. Although retired, for four years on weekends she served at St. Anthony, Belleville, NJ, leading the children's choir. At Villa Walsh she played the organ for Mass and Liturgy of the Hours when needed, utilized her skills as a seamstress, and assisted in small chores that made a huge difference in the eyes of the local community. She will be remembered as someone who loved to serve and remain busy. She utilized her God-given talents in a quiet, humble, yet precise, flawless way.

Sister Catherine is the daughter of the late Francis Schimizzi and Frances (Calabria) Schimizzi and brothers Dominic Schimizzi of Watkins Glen, NY, and Rev. Pasquale Schimizzi, S.A.C., and sisters Pauline Henderson, Elizabeth Sabatini, Josephine Schimizzi, all of Watkins Glen, NY, and Sr. Mary Schimizzi, MPF and Sr. Rose Schimizzi, MPF of Villa Walsh.

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