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Sister Josephine Ciccarello, MPF

We celebrate the full and beautiful life of Sister Josephine Ciccarello, 89, who died Sunday, June 18, 2017, at St. Joseph Hall at Villa Walsh in Morristown, NJ.

Viewing will be held Wednesday, June 21, 2017, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at St. Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ, and Thursday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 11:00 a.m. by Rev. Alfred Lampron. Interment will take place following the liturgy at Ave Maria Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Doyle Funeral Home, Morristown, NJ.

Born and raised in Middletown, CT, Sister Josephine entered the Religious Teachers Filippini on March 12, 1945. She received the religious habit on June 30, 1946, and made her final religious profession on September 11, 1949. Sister Josephine Ciccarello was awarded a BS degree in Elementary Education from the College of St. Elizabeth.

Sr. Josephine began her ministry serving in mission parishes and then spent many years teaching in the primary grades. Sister served in the Archdioceses of Newark, NJ; and Hartford, CT; and in the Dioceses of Trenton, Paterson, and Metuchen, NJ; Bridgeport, CT; and Providence, RI. Sister Josephine stands out as a fine primary grade teacher, gentle, vibrant and conscientious.

Retiring to Villa Walsh in 2008, Sister Josephine served as telephone operator and sacristan of Holy Family Chapel, Villa Walsh. She became a resident of St. Joseph Hall, Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ, in 2016. Sr. Josephine will be remembered as a joyful witness of the Filippini Sisters. Coming from a family of singers, she, too, received the gift of voice and loved to sing and share her talent at the piano.

Sister Josephine was predeceased by sisters Anna Messina, Nellie Lagana, Lucy Lombardo, Sally Fraizer and brothers, Angelo Ciccarello, Salvatore Ciccarello, Michael Ciccarello, and Santo Ciccarello. She is survived by sisters Jean Barniski and Rosemary Inman and brother Sebastian Ciccarello and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Sister Josephine Ciccarello will be accepted to St. Joseph Hall, c/o Sister Ascenza Tizzano, MPF, Provincial Superior, Villa Walsh, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960 - 4912.