



SISTER CONCETTA RUSSO, MPF

Sister Concetta Russo, MPF, died peacefully on Monday, March 17, 2025, at St. Joseph Hall, Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey, at the age of 99.

A viewing will be held on Friday, March 21, beginning at 2:00 p.m., in St. Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 4:00 p.m. Interment will take place at Ave Maria Cemetery following the Liturgy. Arrangements are by Doyle Funeral Home, Morristown.

Born in Waterbury, Connecticut, Sister Concetta entered the Religious Teachers Filippini Filippini in 1951. She received the habit in 1952 and made her religious profession in 1955. Sister Concetta studied English, earning a BA degree from the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island, and she took courses in Library Science at Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey) in Ewing, New Jersey.

During her 72 years of religious life, Sister Concetta served where needed and in varied capacities in the (arch)dioceses of Hartford, Newark, Paterson, Pittsburgh, and Providence. In the early years of her consecrated life, Sister Concetta ministered as an elementary classroom teacher, and as a vice-principal of an elementary school. She also served as a local convent superior.

Sister Concetta returned to the Motherhouse at Villa Walsh in 1975 where she cared for the elderly and infirm Sisters, and diligently managed the convent spiritual center library.

From 1986 to 2014, Sister Concetta served the priests, seminarians, faculty, and students at the Monsignor James C. Turro Library at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey, with an interest and dedication second-to-none. It was also during this period that Sister Concetta offered 15 years of service as a member of the Commission for Christian Unity of the Archdiocese of Newark.

In 2014, Sister Concetta retired from her position at Seton Hall University to reside at Villa Walsh. In 2019, due to declining health, she transitioned to St. Joseph Hall Infirmary.

Sister Concetta is predeceased by her parents Benedetto and Rose (Grasso) Russo, her brothers Michael, Jerry, Benedetto Jr., and Matthew. She is survived by her sisters Delores Addona and Rosemary Bates. Sister Concetta also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

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