



## **SISTER ROSEANN FERNANDEZ, MPF**

Sister Roseann Fernandez, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2026, in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. She was 83 years of age.

A wake will be held on Thursday, April 23, 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 following the Liturgy at Ave Maria Cemetery. Arrangements are by Doyle Funeral Home, Morristown, New Jersey.

Born and raised in Newark, New Jersey, Sister Roseann entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1957. She received the habit in 1959 in and made her religious profession in 1962. Sister Roseann graduated from the College of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station, New Jersey, earning a BS degree in Elementary Education. She furthered her education by attending many seminars, conferences, and workshops. In 2002 Sister Roseann earned the Catholic Educators Award from the Diocese of Trenton.

In her 66 years of religious life, Sister Roseann ministered in a variety of ways, among them: classroom teacher, Principal, and Parish Director of Religious Education. She gave service in the (arch)dioceses of Albuquerque, Camden, Metuchen, Newark, Paterson, and Trenton. Sister Roseann also served as local convent superior at St. Peter in Merchantville, New Jersey, St. Joachim in Trenton, New Jersey, Holy Trinity in Long Branch, New Jersey, and St. Thomas Aquinas in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. In 2008 Sister Roseann generously accepted assignment at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Rio Rancho, where she ministered as a classroom teacher. In 2011 Sister Roseann undertook the role of Director of Religious Education at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Rio Rancho. She was serving in that capacity at the time of her passing.

Sister Roseann is predeceased by her parents, Florenzo Fernandez and Anna Fernandez DeVito, and her brothers Frank and Andrew. She is survived by a niece, nephew, and several cousins. Sister Roseann is also mourned by her fellow Religious Teachers Filippini, and many colleagues, students, and friends.

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