



Born to New Life

Sister Gloria Caglioti, MPF



Sister Gloria Caglioti MPF, died peacefully on July 25, 2025, at St. Joseph Hall Infirmary, Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey. She was 95 years of age.

The youngest of four children, Sister Gloria was born to Anthony and Theresa (Roberto) Caglioti in Dunmore, Pennsylvania, on March 31, 1930. Sister Gloria entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1942. She received the habit in 1946 and made her religious profession in 1949. Sister Gloria earned her BA in Music from the College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, New Jersey, and her MA in Music from Marywood College, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

In her 79 years of religious life, Sister Gloria was a dedicated classroom teacher, a gifted musical director of concerts and plays, church organist, and school Principal. She generously served in the (arch) dioceses of Metuchen, Newark, Paterson, Scranton, and Trenton. In 2013, due to declining health, Sister Gloria transitioned to the motherhouse at Villa Walsh. Four years later, Sister Gloria required the services offered at St. Joseph Hall Infirmary. Her final years consisted of patient, silent suffering. No matter what the circumstances, Sister Gloria radiated a joyful spirit and peaceful aura.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Gloria was held in Saint Lucy Chapel at Villa Walsh on Wednesday, July 30, 2025. Her body was laid to rest in Ave Maria Cemetery at Villa Walsh.

In her remarks, Sister Josephine Palmeri, who lived in the same hometown shared the following: *"Mrs. Caglioti had two sons and one daughter. The little daughter died young. "Mrs. Caglioti made a promise that if God would send her another little girl, she would dedicate her to the Blessed Mother, dress her in blue and white for seven years, and Our Lady could have her for the convent, but...the desire to be a Sister would have to come from the daughter. Mrs. Caglioti said she would not put the idea in the child's mind. " Gloria arrived and was a beautiful and healthy little girl."*

In her letter of sympathy to the Sisters of the Province of St. Lucy, Sister Ascenza Tizzano, General Superior, shared, *"Sister Gloria possessed qualities that made living in community with her a true joy. She was gentle, pleasant, and radiated a childlike innocence, a woman without guile. Her love for prayer, especially her devotion to our Blessed Mother, was deeply evident. She also had a ready appreciation for smiles and laughter, which endeared her to those she shared with in community and mission. ... Most of us will remember Sister Gloria for her musical capabilities. ... Sister Gloria is best remembered for her annual performances at the War Memorial Hall in Trenton, New Jersey, where Villa Victoria Academy held its highly anticipated concert each year. Part One of the splendid program always began with the Grammar School choir, directed by Sister Gloria, and continued with a magnificent performance by the high school chorus under the direction of Sister Elizabeth Parente. These concerts radiated energy, talent, and at that time, truly was the highlight of our spring season. Filippini Schools from near and far gathered in support, and the entire community celebrated the extraordinary contributions of these two gifted musical directors. ... In later years, Sister Gloria was assigned to other schools, places where her performances lacked the lights, sound system, ambience, and the grandeur of the War Memorial stage. Yet, Sister Gloria brought the same passion, energy, and love to every place she was assigned. ... Sister Gloria's dedication ensured that all her students gained both the skills and the confidence to express themselves with grace and reverence, whether in front of a large audience or a small congregation. May Sister Gloria's legacy live on in the children's voices she helped to share and in the loves she touched with her encouragement. ... Rest in peace, dear Sister Gloria!"*