

Sister M. Josephine Leo, D.M.



Sister M. Josephine Leo, 90, a member of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, Villa Rossello, NJ, passed away on Thursday, August 12, 2010, at Memorial Hospital, York, PA.

Sister Josephine lived at Misericordia Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, York, PA, where she had been a resident since 2005. Born in Steelton, on December 20, 1919, Sister Josephine was the daughter of the late Anthony and Carmela Magnelli Leo.

Having entered the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy in York, on September 8, 1940, she professed her religious vows on August 16, 1942. Dedicated to the ministry of early childhood education, and having a great love and concern for children, Sister Josephine spent many years teaching in various parochial schools in Hazleton, Berwick, Old Forge, and Steelton, PA. She also did parish ministry in Monessen. From 1975 until 2005, she taught Kindergarten at Holy Child Nursery, York. She was well known for her excellent teaching. In the last three years at Holy Child Nursery, Sister Josephine took great delight and pride in teaching music to the children enrolled at the Nursery School. She was much loved by children and all who met her. Sr. Josephine was completely dedicated to her religious vocation.

Inspired by the order's foundress, St. Mary Joseph Rossello, Sister Josephine, without compromise, gave her "heart to God and hands to work." She was always ready to help everyone. She had a special way of encouraging the best out of every child under her care.