

Sister Joan Marie Cherasaro, D.M.



Sister Joan Marie Cherasaro, a member of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, Villa Rossello, Newfield, NJ died on January 20, 2011, at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA, after a brief illness. She was 62.

Sister Cherasaro was born in Hazleton, PA, daughter of the late Nicholas and Helen Fatula Cherasaro. Having entered the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, in Newfield, NJ in 1966 she professed her vows on August 15, 1969. She received her B.A. in Elementary Education at Glassboro State College, NJ, and a B.A. in Music

Education/Liturgy from Immaculata College, PA.

Totally dedicated to her religious vocation, Sister Joan Marie's life was characterized by her spirit of persevering prayer and outstanding zeal as an educator as well as in her present pastoral ministry to the elderly and shut-ins of Most Precious Blood Parish, Hazleton, PA.

An excellent and committed educator, Sister Joan Marie taught in various schools in New Jersey: Berkeley Heights, St. Mary's in E. Vineland, St. Francis of Assisi, Vineland, St. Mary Magdalene, Millville, and at Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Newfield from 1985 to 2002 as a religion and music teacher.

A multi-talented person, Sister Joan Marie was an excellent singer and used her gift of song, especially at liturgies. Her singing brought both joy and comfort to many as she shared her talent.