

Sister M. Tarcisia Principe



Sister M. Tarcisia Principe, age 90, a member of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, Villa Rossello, Newfield, NJ, went to her eternal rest on September 17 at Misericordia Nursing Center, York, PA. She had been a member of the community of Mercy Residence, York for one year. Prior to that, she had been missioned in Vineland, New Jersey from 1983 to 2019.

Sister Tarcisia, born in Steelton, PA, was the daughter of the late Vincent and Katherine (DeSendi) Principe. She entered the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, in York PA in 1949 and professed her vows in 1950.

Having obtained her Bachelor's degree in education from College Misericordia, Dallas, PA. and an MA from the University of Scranton, PA, Sister Tarcisia ministered as a dedicated teacher in elementary parish schools staffed by the religious order in Hazleton, Hershey, and York, PA and Millville and Vineland, New Jersey. She also served as principal at St. Joseph School, Berwick, PA for a number of years.

After her teaching career, Sister Tarcisia obtained certification for Pastoral Hospital ministry at Hershey Medical Center. Having then been involved in Parish Ministry at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Vineland, NJ., she made countless visits to the ill and elderly in hospitals, nursing centers, and in their homes. She was loved and respected by all for her caring, compassionate ways and her knack for bringing good cheer to those in need.

Sister Tarcisia was also known for her beautiful singing voice, her quick sense of humor, her friendliness toward all, her faithfulness to her religious vocation, and her untiring involvement in ministry.