Sister Ann “Nancy” Carr, SHCJ

Teacher

July 28, 1924 – August 11, 2015

Rosemont, Pennsylvania – Sister Ann “Nancy” Carr, SHCJ, who was a Sister of the Holy Child Jesus for 68 years, died of cardiac failure at Holy Child Center, Rosemont, PA, on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. She was 91.

Sister Nancy, the daughter of Patrick and Ann Carr, cherished her Irish heritage and New York City, the place where she was born and raised, and ministered for most of her life. She attended Our Lady of Lourdes Grade School and graduated from St. Walburga Academy in 1943. Sister Nancy shared that she had loved all of the Holy Child Sisters, but Mother Mary Wulstan and Mother Mary Laurentia were among her favorites. Immediately after high school, she entered the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, along with four other classmates. She professed her final vows in 1951 and became well known by the name Mother Mary Patrick.

Sister Nancy began her teaching ministry as a first grade teacher at St. Edward School in Philadelphia, PA (1946 – 1949), and at Our Lady of Lourdes School in New York City (1949-1951). She moved to Portland, OR, where she taught for the next 16 years at St. Rose School (1951-1958) and St. Rita School (1958-1967).

Returning to the Philadelphia area in 1968, Sister Nancy taught at Holy Child Academy in Drexel Hill (1968-1970) and Holy Spirit School in Sharon Hill (1970-1977). She moved once again to New York City to serve at St. Elizabeth School for the next 16 years (1977-1993). She had a gift for teaching young children -the focus of her 47 years of ministry.

In 1993, Sister Nancy retired from teaching, but continued to live and serve in New York City for the next 21 years. Among the places she had ministered were the Passionist Spiritual Center, St. Peter School, and St. Margaret of Cortona Parish. In her retirement, Sister Nancy had the opportunity for a sabbatical year and visited her beloved Ireland. In 2014, she moved to Holy Child Center, Rosemont, PA. Throughout her life, Sister Nancy never lost her keen sense of humor, even after the death of family members, especially her twin sister Peggy.

Sister Nancy earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Villanova University in 1951, and a master’s degree in education in 1973 from University of Dayton.

Sister Nancy is survived by many nieces and nephews. Friends and family were invited to a prayer service of remembrance on Friday, August 14, at 4:00 p.m., and to the funeral Mass on Saturday, August 15, at 11:00 a.m., at New Sharon Chapel, 1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, 1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA 19010, or [click here](https://www.chi-cash-advance.com/sforms/appeal1098/Contribute.aspx) to make an on-line gift.