



## Sister Grace Dorothy Everett

Entered eternal life on January 31, 2016

It is a privilege to celebrate the life of Sister Grace Dorothy Everett, known by her family and friends as “Gen”, Genevieve...always a lady...her cape and apron had pleats to perfection, and always a beautiful smile on her face.

Sister Grace was born and raised in Jersey City along with her parents and brothers John, Rod and Adrian and her sisters Grace and Helen Jean. It was at an early age when a young Genevieve felt the call to go to Convent Station for high school. She then followed in her sisters footsteps and became a Sister of Charity and maintained a close relationship with Sister Helen Jean.

Grace was a dedicated teacher. She loved the Sisters of Charity, she loved her family and friends and experienced the love of God in her life. She talked often of her nieces and nephews and of the talent of their children. Family gatherings were precious to her and she loved to dance! Both Helen and Grace were very faithful to their mother and they visited her until her death...Helen on Monday to Wednesday, Grace on Friday to Sunday and the boys on Thursday.

From a Gospel perspective, Gen was a gentle woman, faithful and kind. She enjoyed life and living and was always ready to help another, be it a ride to the doctors, grocery shopping, giving a haircut or helping a student with their schoolwork.

Gen loved Harvey Cedars. In the younger years she and Helen Jean, the Regan twins and Kathleen O'Brien and a few others called themselves the Cabana sisters and resided at St. Ann's and swam in the ocean for the whole week.

*(Quote from a former student)*

“Sister Grace was never stagnant. She was open and always followed Mother Xavier's admonition to go where the need is. Her ministry was often quiet and understated and perhaps only those who were guided by Grace's place in their life knew how much she gave of herself.”

During the 80's, Grace and Kathleen O'Brien planned a trip to Amory, Mississippi, to visit Sister Marie Gilligan and me to see for themselves the ministry we were engaged in. They both entered in wholeheartedly, especially with the children, and enjoyed the unique culture in a rural setting in the deep South. Shortly after the visit, Sister Kathleen O'Brien sent students from the Academy on the train to Amory to participate in our outreach ministry!

Sister Grace was very happy at the Villa and always proclaimed how wonderful it was. “You don't have to ask for anything! They have everything you would ever need.” She was very grateful for the care she received and the people who cared for her.

Gen's birthday was January 7, 2016. One of the readings for that day was as follows: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me, to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to

captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Sister Grace Dorothy Everett heard the cry of the Lord many times throughout her life. Late Sunday evening she heard the call as she never heard it before and was received into the heart of God. Amen

Sister Kathleen Quigley, SC