

Sister Joan Carroll Granville
Entered eternal life on May 22, 2018

Sister Joan Carroll Granville, SC, who dedicated her life to improving health care, providing administrative expertise and pastoral guidance in both large urban hospitals and in underserved rural settings, died peacefully on May 22, 2018 in the company of her family and community at her home in Morristown, N.J. after a long illness. She was 74.

Born in New York City, Joan grew up in Convent Station, N.J. She attended St. Vincent Martyr School and Bayley-Ellard Regional High School, both in Madison, N.J., and both staffed by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth with whom she would eventually realize a vocation focused on health care.

Joan earned a B.S. in business administration from the College of Saint Elizabeth, and an M.A. in health care administration at St. Louis University.



During her ministry, Joan served as an administrator at several hospitals, most recently at the Hospital of Saint Raphael (now Yale New Haven Hospital) in New Haven, Conn. When she retired from Saint Raphael's, she had served as vice president for mission services and as president of the hospital's foundation. Additionally, she served on several hospital boards. A valued administrator, Joan was recognized for her focus on disadvantaged populations.

Early in her ministry, Joan's concern for populations with little access to medical attention or health education led her to envision alternative strategies. To realize her vision, she secured funding for a health care education center for residents of rural Georgia. The service, using a medical van and a portable classroom, delivered health information at public venues.

Joan is survived by the Sisters of Charity and by her siblings and their spouses: Beatrice and Paul Jacobson; Catherine and Ray Schmaus; Kevin and Julie Granville; and Elizabeth and Paul Young. A source of great joy for Joan were her 13 nieces and nephews, and three grandnephews and one grandniece. Joan's parents, William H. Granville and Beatrice Link Granville, and another brother, William C. Granville, have predeceased her.

Also surviving her are many dear friends, including Lucy Sirico, who faithfully assisted Joan during her later years in Connecticut; Theresa Moore Kluck, whose visits always lifted Joan's spirits; and Patricia Codey, SC, Esq., who provided Joan with loving care and attention in her final illness.

Joan enjoyed music, sailing, and beaches along the Atlantic coast. Recalling the brightness of her smile and the sparkle of her blue eyes will light the way for those who loved her.

For over 50 years, Joan belonged to a vibrant religious community, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, a congregation that inspired her—and was, in turn, inspired by her. In her last illness, the community's compassion and support echoed Joan's belief in the special dignity of service and in love for others that transcends "time and change and mortal life and death."

Joan's wake will be held on Friday, May 25, 2018, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, N.J., followed by a liturgy at 6:00 p.m. Interment to follow. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of SJ Priola Parsippany Funeral Service.

Contributions to the Sisters of Charity Development Fund, P.O. Box 476, Convent Station, NJ 07961-0476, would be greatly appreciated in lieu of flowers.