

SISTER JOAN MARIE HARPER, CDP



Sister Joan Marie Harper passed to eternal life on Monday, March 10, 2025. Joan was one of seven children born to William Leroy and Mildred Julia (Loveless) Harper in Silver Spring, Maryland. She was preceded in death by her parents and is survived by John Harper, William Harper, Jr., David Harper, Rita Corbett, Mary Doak, and Julie Brabill and the Sisters of Divine Providence and their Associaters.



Joan entered the Franciscan Sisters in Glen Riddle, PA on September 8, 1956, and transferred officially to the Sisters of Divine Providence in Allison Park, PA in 1977. Early on, Sister Joan was an educator, having obtained a BA degree in English Literature. Later, she received a Master's degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University of

Chicago, and took advantage of many other educational opportunities for ministry. Sister served in Pastoral Ministry and administration on both the parish and diocesan levels, having ministered in Delaware, Greensburgh, Youngstown and Columbus. In Columbus, where she served longest, Joan was Associate Director of the Family Life Bureau and then Episcopal Vicar for Religious. Sister also served on several Boards, including the Board of Trustees at La Roche College (University), and has several publications to her credit.

There will be a Wake service on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 19th at 11:00 a.m. All events will take place in Visitation Chapel at Kearns Spirituality Center, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Allison Park, PA 15101. Please enter through The Commons. Sister Joan's cremains will be taken to the family plot in Forest Glen, Maryland. All chapel events will be livestreamed at: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/Q4zW6rUvwPq>.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Sisters of Divine Providence, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Allison Park, PA 15101. Arrangements entrusted to **ANTHONY STAAB FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 900 Chartiers Ave., Pgh., PA 15220. To leave a memory of Sr. Joan, please visit our website at:

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