Sister Rosella Marie Giarletta, D.M.

Sister Rosella Marie Giarletta, a member of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, Villa Rossello, Newfield, NJ died on Sunday, September 26, 2010, at Misericordia Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, York, PA where she had been a patient.

Sister Rosella Marie, born in Freeland, PA, was the daughter of the late Guy and Maria (Lauria) Giarletta of Hazleton, PA. She entered the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, in York, PA on February 2, 1934, and professed her Vows on March 18, 1936.

Totally dedicated to her religious vocation, Sister Rosella Marie's life was characterized by her spirit of persevering prayer, her dedication to ministry, and her great love for her religious congregation.

Sister Rosella Marie obtained her Bachelor's degree in education from College Misericordia, Dallas, PA, and a Master's degree from Villanova University in Philadelphia, PA.

An excellent educator, Sister Rosella Marie spent her early years of religious life as a teacher in various schools in Milford, MA, Hazleton, Steelton, Hershey, and Old Forge, PA, and Millville, NJ. From 1954 to 1966 she served as principal of St. Joan of Arc School, Hershey, PA.

From 1974 to 1992 she served as administrator of Misericordia Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, York, PA, and then as Assistant administrator from 1993 to 1997.