

In Loving Memory

Sister Mary Joseph Ann Quinene

Sister Joseph Ann Quinene, 79, died peacefully on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at Trinity Woods, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She patiently awaited full union with God.

In Merizo, Guam, on August 13, 1943, Jose and Ana Quinene welcomed their first child, Rosita. Rosita was baptized on August 25, 1943, at Our Lady of the Rosary, Merizo. Rosita is the oldest of fifteen children; eleven boys and four girls.

Rosita attended public school from kindergarten to seventh grade. Rosita and her brothers transferred from Merizo Elementary School to Mt. Carmel Catholic School in Agat, Guam, in 1957. With fifteen children, there were always amazing events taking place. Rosita and her brothers shared household chores and worked on the family farm. They had a poultry farm, raising pigs and cows to supplement food for the family table.

After high school graduation at the aspiranture, two classmates traveled with Rosita to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to begin initial formation on August 7th, 1963. On August 18, 1963, she along with forty other women, were invested as postulants at Notre Dame of the Lake at Mequon, Wisconsin. The following year, on July 13, 1964, she received the name, Joseph Ann, and began her year of novitiate. July 28, 1965, Sister Joseph Ann pronounced her first vows and her final vows on August 16, 1970. Sister Joseph Ann attended Mt. Mary College (now University) for one year. The following year, during the second semester, she was missioned to St. Leo's in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she did her practice teaching.

Sister Joseph Ann's ministry experiences began as a primary teacher at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Agat, Guam in 1966. She taught first grade for a couple of years both at Mt. Carmel and St. Francis School, Yona, Guam. After five years of teaching, she was sent to the University of Guam where she obtained a BA in education in 1974. Sister Joseph Ann spent her summer months taking graduate courses at the University of Guam and at the University of San Francisco, San Francisco. She received her MA in administration supervision. However, the call of the community to do formation work and leadership kept her busy for 12 years.

In 1974, Sister Joseph Ann went back to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Agat, Guam. In 1981, she was the principal of Saint School. In 1984, Sister Joseph Ann was in training to become the initial formation director. She studied at Sancta Maria at Ripa, St. Louis, Missouri. In 1985, she became the postulant director, while also teaching part-time at Notre Dame High School in Guam. Sister Joseph Ann took on the role of postulant/novice director from 1985 till 1994. These were part-time ministries. In 1992, Sister Joseph Ann returned to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Agat, Guam, as principal. In 1996, Sister Joseph Ann became a regional councilor and treasurer and in 1998, the regional leader. In 2005, Sister Joseph Ann traveled to Baraka, Pittsburg, New Hampshire,

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Birth
August 13, 1943

Baptism
August 25, 1943

Profession
July 28, 1965

Death
May 11, 2023

Burial
Notre Dame of Elm Grove
Cemetery

*Precious and blessed is
the death of the faithful
before God... for
they die in union with
their dear Jesus, in the
grace of God, in peace.*

Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger
Foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame
Letter 11, September 10, 1831

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for a sabbatical. In 2006, Joseph Ann ministered as principal at San Vicente, Barrigada, Guam.

In April of 2015, Sister Joseph Ann was diagnosed with an illness that required her to move to the United States. She came to Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, and began treatment and had surgery. At the end of May 2016, Sister Joseph Ann started her journey back to Guam, visiting family along the way. She spent time with family and celebrated her Jubilee, as well as her 74 years of life. Then she returned to Guam at the end of August 2016. She was the local leader for the Notre Dame community and associate coordinator in Guam. In 2020, Sister Joseph Ann decided to retire in the United States, wanting to live close to family. With modern technology, she could still make connections with her wonderful friends and sisters in Guam.

Sister Joseph Ann did everything with her kind heart and patience. She was always filled with gratitude. The words of Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know well the plans I have for you, plans for welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.” Joseph Ann stated, “I need to let go and not think I am in control.” She wrote, “Praise God for all that has been and for what is yet to come.”

The funeral Mass was held, Tuesday, May 16, at the Mother Caroline Chapel at Trinity Woods, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with Father Leonard Barbian, as presider. A prayer of remembrance preceded the funeral. Burial followed in the Elm Grove cemetery, Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Sister Joseph Ann is survived by her brothers; Jose (“Peling”), Edward (“Eddie”), Jesus (“Che”), Joaquin (“Kin”), Rouque (“Roke”), Ramon (“Raymond”), Antonio (“Tony”), Peter Quinene and her sister, Ana (“Naik”). She was preceded in death by her parents, Jose and Ana Quinene; her brothers, Vincente (“Ben”), Johnny and Francisco Quinene; and her sisters, Mary and Lourdes.

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