



SISTER ROSE GARRAMONE
MAY 6, 2011

On May 6, 2011, God called Sister Rose to her eternal home “where love is...and there is music...bringing to life feelings of what it means to run-to fall-to rise again.” Sister Rose’s own words tell how she found the grace and the courage to carry out her final days. She had the courage to stay in the race until the end and will “rise new into the resounding movements of life!”(SRG)

On June 29, 1936, Rose Garramone entered this world as the lovely daughter of Frank Garramone and Philomena Petrone, both from Utica. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse from her home parish of St. Anthony of Padua on September 1, 1953. Sister Rose made her Final Vows on August 17, 1959.

Sister Rose received a B.S. degree in English from LeMoyne College in Syracuse and a M.A. degree in English from St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY. Sister also earned a Syracuse Diocesan organist certificate. Sister’s ministry was education. She taught in several schools in Syracuse and in Endicott. Sister Rose also served as Co-Chaplain at Hillbrook Detention Center for several years. She was principal of the Franciscan Academy, assistant principal at Bishop Grimes and counselor at Bishop Ludden High School.

Sister Rose’s heart and her love were being the originator and motivator of the Pen and Pages Tutorial Center. The Post Standard on 6/7/88 quoted Sister Rose, “The new program is the result of a vision I have had. Pen and Pages will give students the extra help they need to succeed”. The last few years Sister Rose opened the doors to the refugees. She had a genuine love, care, and concern for every one of them and taught them the learning skills they needed as well as preparing them for their citizenship. Pen and Pages, The Franciscan Tutoring Center, was Sister’s main focus. She was determined to see that it would continue in the future.

Sister Rose Garramone will be remembered for her welcoming smile, her devoted service to her community, her singing voice that added to our liturgies and her caring love to the students who came to Pen and Pages.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 7:00 PM on May 10, in St. Anthony Convent Chapel. Visitation was held at 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM in St. Anthony Convent Solarium. A farewell service was at 8:30 AM on Wednesday in the Convent Chapel. Burial was at Assumption Cemetery.

Sister Rose, rest in God’s peace.