

SISTER JULIA COSTELLO - OBITUARY

COSTELLO, SR. JULIA, Daughters of Mary and Joseph. Julia, one of six children, was born May 2, 1930, to James and Ellen Mahedy Costello. She grew up in a farming family in Longford, Ireland. Julia entered the Daughters of Mary and Joseph in 1948 and came to the U.S. in 1951. She died on May 7, 2024 at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Julia is dearly missed by her DMJ Community who fondly remembers her gracious and peaceful presence, her sister Celine (Ireland), numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and her many friends. She is predeceased by her parents and four siblings: May, Julia, Bridget and Jimmy. Julia was a quiet mentor and trusted friend to everyone. A woman of many talents, Julia was called to various ministries: teaching and principalship in San Francisco at St. Michael's and Morning Star Schools; in Los Angeles archdiocese at Precious Blood and St. Bernard's High School. In the 70's, because of Julia's gift for spiritual direction and leadership she was chosen to be Novice Director in Ireland and later in the 80's in California. These assignments were followed by a call to be House of Prayer Director, Camarillo, and Director of the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center, Rancho Palos Verdes. That was the beginning of 35 years of retreat ministry. In addition to all her roles, Julia was formation Director for the DMJ Associates. In her retirement years, she lived at Marian Residence in Rancho Palos Verdes. Resulting from a fall and surgery last winter, Julia spent a few months at Marycrest Nursing Home, Culver City, and Lomita Care Center. We are deeply grateful for the loving care given to Julia at each of these facilities. Mass of Christian Burial will take place May 28th, 10:30 a.m. Mary and Joseph Retreat Center Chapel. Memorials in Sister Julia's name may be made to Daughters of Mary and Joseph Retirement Fund, 5300 Crest Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-5004.