



## SISTER BARBARA JENKINS

August 26, 1935 - June 11, 2020

Sister Barbara Jenkins, (formerly Sister Veronica Joseph) a Sister of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, died on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at Morristown Medical Center, Morristown, NJ at the age of 84.

Sister Barbara was born in Boston, Massachusetts, the daughter of Henry and Ruth (Dempster) Jenkins. She entered the Sisters of Charity on September 6, 1956 and was a member for 63 years.

Sister Barbara received a nursing diploma from the Catherine Labouré School of Nursing, Carney Hospital, Dorchester, MA. She graduated from the Catholic University of America, Washington DC with a B.S. degree in nursing and from Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey with a M.S. degree in nursing.

Sister Barbara served in the health ministry in New Jersey, Connecticut, California, Texas and in Mexico. Sister Barbara's lifetime of health ministry was dedicated to serving the poor and marginalized in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. Her first ministry was at the Hospital of St. Raphael, New Haven, CT, where she served as a nursing supervisor. Following this ministry, Sister Barbara served as a public health nurse at the Waterbury Public Health Department.

Sister Barbara's passion for service to the poor led her to a variety of ministries in the United States and Mexico. She served in the United Farm Workers Field Office, Salinas, CA, and the Social Concerns Office at St. Michael's Monastery, Union City, NJ. As a pediatric nurse practitioner Sister Barbara ministered at Haller House, Newark, NJ, the Hill Health Center, New Haven, CT and the Centro San Vicente Clinic, El Paso, TX. In addition, Sister Barbara volunteered as the Health Coordinator at La Tenda di Cristo, Juarez, Mexico. After caring for family members in Massachusetts, Sister Barbara returned to New Jersey in 2013 and retired to St. Anne Villa in December 2014.

Sister Barbara was predeceased by her sister, Ruth Mulroy and her niece Janet Mulroy.

She is survived by the Sisters of Charity; two nieces, a nephew, grand nieces, grand nephews, great grandnieces and great grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Sisters of Charity Development Fund, P.O. Box 476, Convent Station, NJ 07961-0476 would be greatly appreciated.

Due to the regulations regarding COVID, the Visitation, Funeral Mass, and Interment will be private. Please keep the Sisters of Charity and the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

# Cemetery

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## **Holy Family Cemetery of the Sisters of Charity**

25 Convent Road

Convent Station, NJ, 07961

# Comments

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“ I have a newspaper snippet with her name in it from decades ago and here I am now. Don't know how I got it, it may have been in an old book of mine

**andrew conway** - November 03 at 05:16 PM

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“ Aunt Barbara,  
Man it's just coincidence that I came across this in thinking about you today. Apparently when you take care of yourself and your family people seem to think poorly of you.  
You were the ONLY one who ever believed in me. The only one who didn't hold me to my bad decisions and allowed me to be forgiven and move on. Thank you for that. Thank you for always pushing me to what I could become and not holding me to what poor standards I set for myself. You will truly be missed by me. I was just telling Nick how you were always there for me and always wanted to do what you could to help me be a better person and although I never took you up on any of it; I did ok. I have a loving husband and 3 beautiful little girls who are growing into strong independent woman. Thank you for always believing in me and knowing I could change from the mistakes I made and the genetics I had to be who I was meant to be. I love you and will truly miss you.

**Nichole Sasso** - June 24, 2020 at 08:49 PM

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“ We're living in the house Barbara rented while she ministered in the West Texas area. She loved to celebrate her birthday every 10 years and all the sisters and friends gathered for an opportunity of laughter, sharing, catching up on each other's lives and ministry adventures. Barbara was a perfect hostess. She had a way of looking you straight in the eye and connecting with your ministry. She had and shared deep insights and ways to help you out of tight places. She had the grace to be attentive and know how and when to keep moving. There is a huge tree in our back yard that was once a small Christmas tree she planted. Barbara had a great heart, amazing energy and a great love for the poor. She was an "Hermosa Locura" (Beautiful Craziiness) who left a gaping hole in El Paso! Gracias oh Dios por Tu Bendición! Oh, God, thank you for the Blessing of your servant Barbara Jenkins!

**Sr Sylvia Chacon** - June 20, 2020 at 11:54 PM