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SR. MARY JULIANA, RSM —

Sister of Mercy, Nurse, Hospital Administrator. A Sister of Mercy for 61 years, died February 27, 2007 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She was 90. She was born May 25, 1916, to George and Josephine (Supernault) Gust in Lapeer, MI and named Rosemary at her baptism. After graduating from Mackenzie High School in Detroit, she earned a commercial certificate and worked in several business capacities before joining the Sisters of Mercy in 1945. She received the name Sister Mary Juliana at her reception into the religious community, and made perpetual vows on August 16, 1951. Sister Juliana earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Mercy College of Detroit in 1952. She served in Mercy Hospitals in Michigan for 37 years, most often in a supervisory or administrative capacity. Sister Juliana was supervisor of surgery at Leila Hospital in Battle Creek and supervised several nursing units at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit, including obstetrics, orthopedics and clinical medicine.

Sister Juliana served for six years at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor before being assigned to Mercy Hospital in Jackson where she was administrator from 1963 to 1975. She was director of admissions at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac for four years, and served as CEO of Mercy Hospital in Cadillac from 1980 to 1985. A sabbatical year at Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA, readied Sister Juliana for a change of pace. She became assistant administrator of the Augustine Retreat Center in Conway, MI, where she served for four years. Sister Juliana returned to the Detroit area in 1990 to visit the sick and volunteer at McAuley Center, where she retired to a ministry of prayer in 2004. Sister Juliana is fondly remembered for her quiet and astute manner. Always pleasant, she was able to bring order to difficult situations. She enjoyed travel, good books and conversation. She is survived by her sister, Bernice (John) Breithaupt of Boyne City; several nieces and nephews, cousins, many friends, and by the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service will take place on February 28, 2007 at 3 p.m. at McAuley Center, 28750 Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, followed by a Remembrance Service at 7:00 p.m. The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on March 1, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in McAuley's Sacred Heart Chapel, followed by burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI. 48336.
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