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# SISTER MARIA MICHAEL GARNER

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Sister Maria Michael Garner Sister of Charity, principal at Catholic schools in Maplewood and Montclair, 89 Sister Maria Michael Garner, 89, a Sister of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2014, at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, N.J. The wake for Sister Maria Michael Garner will be held in Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, N.J., from 2 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 6 p.m. Burial will be on Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, in Holy Family Cemetery, Convent Station, at 10 a.m. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of S.J. Priola Parsippany Funeral Service. For more information, please visit their website [www.parsippanyfuneral.com](http://www.parsippanyfuneral.com). Sister Maria Michael was born in Jersey City, N.J., the daughter of Michael and Mary J. (O'Keefe) Garner. She entered the Sisters of Charity on March 25, 1945, and was a member for 69 years. Sister Maria Michael graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, N.J., with a B.S. degree in elementary education and from Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., with an M.A. degree in education. Sister Maria Michael was an educator in New Jersey. She served as a teacher at Immaculate

Conception School, Elizabeth, N.J.; Our Lady Help of Christians School, East Orange, N.J.; St. Paul School, Clifton, N.J.; St. Mary School, Dumont, N.J.; Our Lady of Sorrows School, South Orange, N.J., and St. Stephen School, Kearny, N.J. Sister Maria Michael was a principal and teacher at Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Maplewood, N.J., and at Immaculate Conception School, Montclair, N.J. She served as a volunteer at St. Vincent Nursing Home, Cedar Grove, N.J. Sister Maria Michael moved to Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, in 2013, and resided there until her death. She is survived by the Sisters of Charity; nieces and nephews, grand- and great-grand-nieces and nephews. Sister Maria Michael was predeceased by her siblings, Bishop Robert F. Garner, Michael Garner, Francis Garner, Mary Garner Berkowicz, Catherine Garner, Irene Garner Keegan and Claire Garner. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Sisters of Charity Development Fund, P.O. Box 476, Convent Station, N.J. 07961-0476, would be greatly appreciated.

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**21** 02:00 - 05:30 PM  
Saint Anne Villa

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Saint Anne Villa

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Holy Family Cemetery

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May 15, 2018

Sr. Maria Michael was an extraordinary teacher. She served as our principal and our teacher for 3 years as we were the first graduating class at Immaculate Heart of Mary. She was energetic, inspiring, instilled a sense of responsibility and worth, was progressive and open-minded. For many of us, she was our most influential and memorable teacher. So sorry we didn't visit her later in life. Forever grateful.

**Mary Nugent**

December 20, 2014

my condolences to the family.may you find comfort in the god of comfort and tender mercies.2 cor.1:3