

JULIE BOO, CSJ
October 25, 1924 ~ August 30, 2017

This tremendously insightful, and exceptionally inspiring woman was born in Pine City, Minnesota on October 25, 1924, and died peacefully on August 30, 2017 at Carondelet Village in St. Paul. “A great observer of life,” “a person of high standards, who expected you to be the best you could be, because she knew you had it in you,” are among the many attributes spoken by those who loved Sister Julie Boo, CSJ.

St. Margaret’s Academy, St. Anthony High School, St. Mary’s Junior College, Minneapolis; St. James High School, Grand Forks, North Dakota; St. Joseph Academy and Derham Hall High School in St. Paul, are among the communities where Sister Julie taught and worked as an administrator. Friends and former colleagues describe Sister Julie’s teaching style as firm yet caring; perceptive, progressive, attentive to the times; and always committed to excellence. Students not only learned the course matter, they learned how they could be better in the world, because Sister Julie truly engaged and captured their interest by “putting them in touch with their own lives.” To this day, former students inquire, “Is Sister Julie still around? We just loved her.”

Sister Julie was charged with the supervision of the ten high schools owned and staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph. She was selfless for the cause, often behind the scenes, working diligently to draw out the very best in all. As a leader, she chose to walk with and listen closely to those she supervised. She saw the possibilities in each person and in each new initiative. In the wake of Vatican II, Sister Julie was fearless in her efforts to help those around her navigate the radical shifts of the day.

Upon retiring, Sister Julie taught English as a second language to Hmong women newly arrived from Laos, and she was a reader in the textbook division of State Services for the Blind.

Friends remember with fondness Sister Julie's positive attitude, readiness for adventure, good sense of humor, love for playing bridge and the way her face lit up every time she laughed.

Sister Julie is preceded in death by her parents, Julia Hurley Boo and Clinton R. Boo; brothers Clinton R. (Dick) and Dan Boo; sister, Sister Mary Richard Boo, O.S.B.; sister-in-law Bernice Wiese Boo. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Mary Richardson Boo, Parkville, Maryland; nephews John Boo, Lutherville, Maryland; Thomas Boo, M. D. (Heleen), Bishop, California; Martin Boo, Virginia Beach, Virginia; nieces Katherine Boo (Sunil) Khilnanni, London, England; Mary Boo, Minneapolis; Sarah Brooks, Raleigh, North Carolina; grandnephews, a grandniece, and a great grandniece; many dear cousins; and longtime special friends Marney Wamsley, Mary Kay Buskin, and Gayle Lens.

Mass of Christian Burial, 11a.m., Tuesday, September 5, at Chapel of Our Lady of the Presentation, 1884 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, with Visitation at 10 a.m. preceding Mass, and burial at Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights, Minnesota, following luncheon at Carondelet Center in St. Paul.

May she rest in God's love and peace.