Lucy Malarkey, SHCJ
(Mother Daniel Mary)
September 11, 1937 – December 1, 2017
Teacher, Spiritual Director, Counselor

Rosemont, Pennsylvania – Lucy Malarkey, SHCJ, who was a Sister of the Holy Child Jesus for 57 years, died peacefully on Friday, December 1, 2017, at Holy Child Center in Rosemont, PA. She was 80.

Born and raised in Portland, OR, Sister Lucy graduated from Holy Child Academy, where she first met the Holy Child Sisters. In 1957, two-years after high school, she entered the Society of the Holy Child Jesus and made her final vows in 1965. She became well known by the religious name Mother Daniel Mary.

Sister Lucy began her teaching ministry at Mayfield Junior School of the Holy Child Jesus in Pasadena, CA (1960-1972), and then Cornelia Connelly School of the Holy Child in Anaheim, CA (1974-1978). She primarily taught science, and in the summers, she continued her biochemical research and studies.

In 1978, Sister Lucy moved to Washington, D.C., where she began to serve in a new ministry. She started working in the counseling center and campus ministry at The Catholic University of America and then spent four years as a counselor and spiritual director at the Theological College.

Sister Lucy returned to California in 1993 where she provided spiritual direction, retreats, and counseling for individuals and couples. She also shared her time and gifts with Holy Child ministries and schools in California. In her free time, she became an amateur photographer, cherished her dog named Spirit, and loved the outdoors.

Health conditions brought Sister Lucy to Holy Child Center in 2011, where she continued to offer a prayerful and joyful presence to all who knew her.

Sister Lucy earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at Immaculate Heart

*For this is our mission: to help others to believe that God lives and acts in them and in our world, and to rejoice in God’s presence.*
College in Los Angeles and Master’s degree in Molecular Biology at University of California, Irvine, in 1971 and 1974, respectively. She continued her studies at Loyola University in Baltimore, MD, where she earned a Master’s degree in Pastoral Counseling in 1979, and at the University of San Francisco, where she received a Master’s degree in Spirituality in 1981.

Friends and family were invited to a prayer service of remembrance on Tuesday, December 5, at 4:00 p.m., and to the Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, December 6, at 11:00 a.m., at New Sharon Chapel, 1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA, 19010. Preceding Mass, friends and family were welcome to attend the wake at 10:00 a.m. Funeral arrangements were handled by Donohue Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Society of the Holy Child Jesus – American Province, 1341 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA 19010, or make a gift online at www.shcj.org/american/donate.