



Necrology of
SISTER ESTELLE GRENIER
(Sister Estelle-du-Sacre-Coeur)
1934 – 2021

After a year of marriage, Ronaldo Grenier and Eva (Gauthier) Grenier were blessed with the birth of their first daughter, Estelle Lucille on August 27, 1934. A year later, another daughter, Lucille, was born becoming Estelle's only sister. They were especially close during their childhood and during their entire lives. Another five years passed before her first brother, Ronald, was born. After him, four more brothers: Raymond, George, Peter and Edmond arrived at two years intervals. As older sisters, they not only enjoyed spoiling their little brothers, but also treated them as play things.

As a family living in the beautiful ocean side city of Salem, MA, the seven children enjoyed a place where they could run, play and spend time near the ocean to their hearts content. It was a happy home where one lived in accordance with Catholic teachings. Charity and sharing were common characteristics among the children.

Mr. Grenier provided for his family by working construction, A trade he learned early in life. Married at just twenty years of age, he generously took on the challenges and responsibilities of raising a family. His sense of humor was contagious, yet he also knew how to correct his children when needed. He loved being outside and his work gave him the opportunity to do just that. An honest and vivacious man, he loved his family and easily got along with others.

Mrs. Grenier was somewhat shy. She exemplified the traits of the Blessed Mother by her humility and her charity. Her generosity and kindheartedness warmed the hearts of her neighbors. She was kind, loving, hospitable, and a fervent Catholic.

Estelle sincerely enjoyed her life as a student at St. Joseph School from grades one through eight and at St. Joseph Academy from grades nine through twelve. She loved the Sisters of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. From her early years of schooling, she wanted to become one of them. During her second year of High School, Estelle began having second thoughts about becoming a religious. A retreat was being offered for girls thinking of religious life. She had no interest in attending. Through the tireless invitations of the school principal, Estelle gave in and went. A very saintly priest preached the retreat. His words opened Estelle's eyes. She distinctly heard the call to religious life once again. Thus at the end of her twelfth year at the Academy, she asked to enter the Congregation of the Sisters of the Assumption of the B.V.

Estelle's affirmative response came quickly from Mother Sainte-Irene. Sister Estelle wrote that her novitiate years under the tutelage of Sister Pauline-Therese were some of the most beautiful years of her life.

Estelle, now known as Sister Estelle-du-Sacre-Coeur, began her teaching career in Glens Falls, New York. Her strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament sustained her during her joys and her difficulties.

For more than thirty years, Sister Estelle accomplished her work as an educator with diligence and with passion. She genuinely loved her students, who loved her in return. All regarded her simplicity, her ready smile and her devotion to each and every one as true gifts. She later devoted herself to parish ministry at St Jean-Baptiste in Lynne, MA for more than ten years. Throughout her many years of service, Sister Estelle often performed the duties of school principal and house superior. Her support and involvement with the associate program in Salem and Lynne are to be commended. To meet Sister Estelle was to be in the presence of a peace-filled woman whose warm smile radiated her joie de vivre. Sisters living with her enjoyed having her as a companion and as an honest and a faithful friend.

Sister Estelle developed a strong devotion to Saint Theresa of Avila. So intense was her affection that she participated in a pilgrimage retracing the saint's footsteps throughout Spain. This experience marked her soul with an even greater admiration for the saint who so inspired her life.

During Sister Estelle's early seventies, she began having memory loss. She was soon diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Experiencing such a debilitating and evolving disease, she eventually went to Marie Esther Health Care in Marlborough. During the years as a resident, her smile never faltered. Her eyes revealed so much of what her words could not express. Sister Estelle's mind may have become affected, but her spirit radiated an active inner life. At assemblies, she had no trouble singing the words of songs from her younger years.

Sister Estelle, you endured living through more than ten months of isolation due to the Corona virus pandemic. Your Beloved called you one evening. In your unflinching fidelity you hastened to answer. Finally, you personally met with the God you so dearly loved and served throughout your life. The experience transcended your greatest expectations. Your tender and affectionate heart has finally reached its ultimate destination and reward. With gratitude for your presence among us, we wish you a blessed voyage filled with stirring music, golden oldies, sing a longs and invigorating dancing.

You left us this passage in your writings. You **had** a heart of wisdom!

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

Ps 90:12

May you rest in peace, dear friend!

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LES SŒURS DE L'ASSOMPTION DE LA SAINTE VIERGE

Sœur ESTELLE GRENIER

Rang	2254	Engagement	Enseignante	Onction des malades	2020-02-26
Nom civil	Grenier, Estelle	Entrée	1952-08-21	Nom du prêtre	Conrad Pecevich, ptre
Nom religieux	Estelle-du-Sacré-Cœur	Vœux temporaires	1955-02-15	Lieu et heure	Marlborough, 11 h.
Père	Grenier, Ronaldo	Vœux perpétuels	1960-08-14	Date des funérailles	Date ultérieure
Mère	Gauthier, Eva	Date du décès	2021-01-08	Président	---
Naissance	1934-08-28	Heure du décès	22 h 00	Heure	---
Lieu	Salem, MA	Lieu du décès	Marie Esther Health Center	Lieu des funérailles	---
Baptême	1934-09-05	Âge au décès	86 ans, 4 m. 11 j.	Inhumation	Cemetery Petersham, 13 janvier 2021
Lieu du baptême	Salem, MA	Années en religion	65 ans, 10 m., 21 jrs		

LIEUX D'ENGAGEMENT	ENGAGEMENT PROFESSIONNEL	ANNÉES
Glens Falls (NY) # 42	Titulaire en 1 ^{re} année	1954-1956
Spencer (Mass) # 21	Titulaire en 4 ^e année	1956-1958
Brockton (Mass) # 30	Titulaire en 5 ^e année	1958-1960
Brockton (Mass) # 30	Titulaire en 6 ^e année	1960-1961
Brockton (Mass) # 30	Titulaire en 7 ^e année	1961-1962
Salem (Mass) # 76	Titulaire en 8 ^e année	1962-1963
Notre-Dame de Southbridge (MA) # 19	Enseignante à l'École secondaire ; bibliothécaire	1963-1965
Indian Orchard (Mass) # 26	Supérieure locale ; directrice de l'école ; titulaire en 7 ^e année	1965-1967
Indian Orchard (Mass) # 26	Supérieure locale ; directrice de l'école ; aide en 2 ^e et 4 ^e années	1967-1968
Petersham, Maison prov. (MA) # 145	Étudiante au Collège Anna Marie	1968-1969
Petersham, Maison prov. (MA) # 145	Directrice de l'Académie Maria Assumpta (Mass)	1969-1970
Brockton (Mass) # 30	Titulaire en 8 ^e année ; bibliothécaire	1970-1971
Notre-Dame de Southbridge (MA) # 19	Bibliothécaire à l'École secondaire Marianhill	1971-1973
Millbury (Mass) # 75	Enseignante en 7 ^e année ; catéchèse aux élèves de l'école publique (CCD : Confraternity of christian doctrine)	1973-1974
Millbury (Mass) # 75	Supérieure locale ; catéchèse aux élèves de l'école publique (CCD : Confraternity of christian doctrine) ; sacristine	1974-1975
Lowell, Saint-Louis-de-France (MA) # 40	Supérieure locale ; titulaire en 8 ^e année	1975-1977
Dracut (Mass) # 142	Supérieure locale ; directrice de l'école élémentaire Sainte-Thérèse	1977-1978
Brockton (Mass) # 30	Supérieure locale ; enseignante en 5 ^e année (1/2 journée), bibliothécaire	1978-1979
Brockton (Mass) # 30	Directrice du programme de religion	1979-1982
Ottawa, rue Besserer (Ont) # 100c	Étudiante en théologie à l'Université Saint-Paul	1982-1983
Petersham, Académie Maria Assumpta (Mass) # 134	Supérieure locale ; catéchèse aux élèves de l'école publique (CCD : Confraternity of christian doctrine) ; réceptionniste	1983-1984
Salem (Mass) # 76	Ministère paroissial à la paroisse St-Jean-Baptiste à Lynn (Mass)	1984-1988
Salem (Mass) # 76	Ministère paroissial à la paroisse St-Jean-Baptiste à Lynn (Mass) ; supérieure locale	1988-1990
Salem (Mass) # 76	Ministère paroissial à la paroisse St-Jean-Baptiste à Lynn (Mass) ; personne ressource pour les Associé/es savs à Lynn	1990-1992
Salem (Mass) # 76	Ministère paroissial à la paroisse St-Jean-Baptiste à Lynn (Mass)	1992-1997

Salem (Mass) # 76	Coordonnatrice de l'enseignement religieux pour l'école élémentaire	1997-1999
Salem (Mass) # 76	Coordonnatrice de l'enseignement religieux pour l'école élémentaire; personne-ressource des Associé/es sasv	1999-2002
Salem (Mass) # 76	Services de soutien à l'école élémentaire ; membre de l'équipe des Associé/es sasv	2002-2007
Petersham, Rés. Assomption (MA) # 145	Membre de l'équipe de leadership locale ; personne-ressource des Associé/es sasv à Lynn (Mass)	2007-2008
Worcester, Harper Res. (Mass) # 212	Année de ressourcement au Genesis Spiritual Life Center, Westfield (Mass) – réside à Westfield (Mass)	2008-2009
Petersham, Rés. Assomption (MA) # 145	Retraitée	2009-2011
Marlboro, Marie Esther Health Center (MA)	Arrivée à Marie Esther Health Center, Marlboro le 1 ^{er} juin 2011 - ministère de la prière	2011-2021