

THE TORPEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Susann Torpey
1929—2019

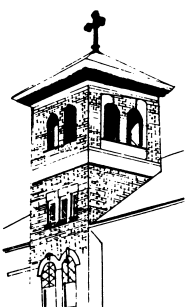
With a generous heart and an incredible devotion to family, Susann Torpey lived her life following the path God laid out for her, which was challenging in many ways. She was carried along by her strong Catholic faith, and the boundless kindness and compassion she had for others.

Susann, a natural storyteller, was born in her family's Rosebush home on a cold winter day. After the home was destroyed by fire, they moved into the family-owned grocery on West Broadway in Mt. Pleasant. Susann would then live on West Broadway Street for the rest of her life. She enjoyed telling stories about her friends and neighbors and all the mischief and tomfoolery the kids in the neighborhood would experience.

When she lost her mother at just nine years old, Susann kept the promise she made to take care of her twin brothers, Hilton and Elton. Susann was a lifetime member of Sacred Heart Parish. She should have graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1947, however, she left school to take care of her siblings. Later, she studied through adult education and received her SHA diploma in 1969. Susann was always welcomed and included in the Class of 1947 reunions and activities. A natural caregiver, she worked at the State Home for 34 years, and after retirement, devoted her life to her family, her flower gardens, and genealogy. Susann loved to talk to people, especially about her extensive family tree, and she could often find a way she was related to someone through the conversation.

Susann Torpey was a loving daughter, sister, aunt, mother, and grandmother, who truly cared for and about others. *The Torpey Family Scholarship Fund* was established in her memory to help families pay their tuition at Sacred Heart Academy. It is also a tribute to Susann's father, Christopher F. Torpey, who graduated from SHA in 1919, and her daughter Julie Torpey Clark, who graduated from the Academy in 1975.

“Catholic education is a gift which lasts a lifetime.”



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