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### NEWS RELEASE

#### Passing of Sister Mary Gertrude Quitugua, RSM

Sister Mary Gertrude Quitugua, also known as Isabel Santos Quitugua, 88 years old, was called home to God on July 9, 2020, at Mercy Care Center on Guam.

She entered the Mercy community on Guam on July 2, 1950 and enjoyed 70 years as a Sister of Mercy. For most of her years of service, Sister Gertrude taught at Santa Barbara Catholic School in Dededo and Cathedral Grade School in Hagatña. She also taught Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) in Dededo, Yigo, Naval Air Station (NAS), Agaña, Tumon, Maina and the Agaña Cathedral.

Sister Gertrude served as Administrator of Infant of Prague Nursery and Kindergarten for a year. She also served as pastoral minister/associate in the parishes of Maina, Barrigada, Asan, Umatac and Merizo. In her later years, Sr. Gertrude moved to Mercy Care Center in Oka and succumbed to cancer on July 9, 2020.

Most of her surviving siblings reside in the U.S. mainland. Sister Gertrude was very outgoing and friendly. She loved coming across the many students she taught on Guam and with a big smile, often shared how proud she was of them.

Sister Gertrude will be greatly missed by her community and many friends. She has lived her motto: *“Love of God conquers all!”* May Sister Mary Gertrude rest in the Lord’s eternal peace!

#### Daily Rosary/Mass and Funeral Mass Information

Mass is being celebrated at 4 p.m. daily followed by Rosary. Supporters can follow the Masses and Rosaries via livestream on the Sisters of Mercy Guam Region Facebook page. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18 at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica. Burial will be at Pigo Catholic Cemetery at 3 p.m.

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