Sister Patricia Flynn was a multifaceted personality as well as a multi-talented artist. Pat loved people and had a personal influence on their lives. Whether at Our Lady of Grace in Hoboken, East Orange Catholic or the College of Saint Elizabeth, her ties were long and strong.

Pat loved it when former students would stop by and they would share memories and stories. As a teacher, she had a great influence on their lives. Her students remember her wit. Pat’s appearance was always perfect. Everything – whether from her huge collection of pins to the appropriate scarf for the pin; she was always “well put together.” This also was reflected in her artistic talents. Many of us have invitations, jubilee programs, and prayer cards that Pat did for the special occasions in our lives, and in the life of the congregation.

Pat was more than an artist. She was a creative artist. The work that she produced was well thought out before the pen touched the paper. She would search out the perfect quote for each person on their special occasion. The medium – paper-vellum-material and the color of inks all meshed together to be as perfect as possible. Pat’s fingers were always busy…knitting and crocheting were the talents she shared. Pat and Ruth, her friend, exhibited their crafts at many a craft show.

Pat’s career in the College of Saint Elizabeth evolved from her position in the Art Department to working as an Adult Advisor in weekend college. When working with business people, she continued to share their concern and to work with them in securing their goals. Her warm smile gave them the support they needed. Everyone remembers that smile.

Pat was a private person. Her relationship with God was reflected in the life that she lived. Her talents were used to foster the Mission of the Sisters of Charity and to help all those she met along the way. Her talents, skills, love of friends and concern for others, made her a true Sister of Charity.

Sister Agnes Gregory Craig, SC