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Triton College Mourns Loss of Former College Trustee Jane Garoppolo

RIVER GROVE, III. – The Triton College community is deeply saddened over the passing of former college trustee, Jane Garoppolo. Garoppolo, who served as a college trustee from 1980-1993, passed away on Dec. 9, 2022, at the age of 87.

Garoppolo was appointed to the Triton College Board of Trustees in June 1980 to fill a board member vacancy. She was then elected as a Trustee in her own rights in 1981 and held many positions throughout her years of service at the college.

Her work and dedication continued when she served on the Board Policy Committee from 1981-1983 and then on the Board Academic/Student Affairs Committee from 1983-1985.

Garoppolo entered her most important Triton College role when she was elected as the board chairperson in 1985.

Re-elected as trustee in 1987, she became the board's representative to the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) and Association of Governing Boards (AGB) that same year.

Garoppolo's commitment continued when she became a member of the Board "Innovation Committee" from 1987-1988 and the Board's "Buildings & Grounds Committee" from 1987-1989.

Garoppolo served as Triton's Board representative to the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) in 1989.

She was a beloved friend, aunt, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

A visitation was held on Thursday, Dec. 15, at Humes Funeral Home, 320 W. Lake St., Addison. A memorial Mass followed at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Addison. Interment is at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Hillside.

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Triton College is a two-year college dedicated to helping members of the 25 Western Cook County communities in our district and beyond to achieve educational, professional and personal success. Located in River Grove, Ill., Triton offers more than 120 degree and certificate programs on its 110-acre campus, featuring a comfortable, friendly and diverse atmosphere. Triton also holds classes at satellite locations and offers online learning opportunities. Triton's dedicated faculty and staff work to provide high quality, convenient and affordable educational opportunities to more than 14,000 students each year. Triton College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at http://www.triton.edu/.