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Death Notice No. 3 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of the United States of America recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **JAMES PIEPER**, of the San Antonio Marianist Residence community, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 6, 2011, in San Antonio, Texas, USA, at the age of 90 with 73 years of religious profession.

James was born on May 6, 1920, in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, to John and Elizabeth (Abel) Pieper. James had six brothers, including Herbert, who became a Marianist priest.

Jim attended the postulate and novitiate in Kirkwood, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis, and professed first vows as a Marianist on August 15, 1937.

Bro. Jim graduated from the University of Dayton with a bachelor's degree in education in 1940. Later that year he began his teaching career at Holy Redeemer in Detroit, Michigan, where he stayed until 1943.

For the next 11 years Bro. Jim taught at Central Catholic High School in San Antonio and Chaminade High School and St. Mary's High School in St. Louis. During this time he received a bachelor's degree in library science from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio.

From 1954 to 1971 Bro. Jim used his skills as a librarian at four Marianist secondary schools: Assumption High School in East St. Louis, Illinois; St. Mary's and Chaminade in St. Louis; and Central Catholic in San Antonio.

During these years he received two master's degrees: one in economics from Saint Louis University in 1958; and a second in theology from St. Mary's University in San Antonio in 1970.

Bro. Jim then began a new phase of ministry as a parish director of religious education. From 1971 to 1986 he served at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in San Antonio; and St. Mary's Parish, St. Stephen's Parish and St. Anne's Parish in Milwaukee, Wis.

Bro. Joe Grieshaber lived in community with Bro. Jim in San Antonio and Milwaukee.

“When he worked in the parishes of Milwaukee, he gave himself wholeheartedly to the work,” Bro. Joe said. “Bro. Jim was a spiritual man. Although we will miss him, he has attained the eternal happiness of his dedication.”

Bro. Jim then spent several years in St. Louis, assisting in maintaining the property and cemetery at the Marycliff community house and campus of St. John Vianney High School. Bro. Jim retired to the Marianist Residence in San Antonio, but remained active in volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity and adult discussion groups. He also drove brothers to medical appointments.

“Bro. Jim was soft-spoken, pleasant and joyful,” said Bro. Les Kaehler.

He worked at teacher training workshops sponsored by the San Antonio Archdiocesan Catechetical Center. He also enjoyed attending athletic events at St. Mary’s, particularly basketball, softball and volleyball games. He got to know many Rattlers athletes on a personal level.

Bro. Jim passed away at the Marianist Residence in San Antonio. He will be missed by his Marianist brothers.

May he rest in peace.