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Death Notice No. 5 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of the United States of America, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **WILLIAM DEANHOFFER**, of the Governor's Island Marianist Community, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on February 20, 2012 in Huntsville, Ohio, USA, at the age of 77 with 58 years of religious profession.

William Arthur Deanhofer was born to William and Ruth (Henry) Deanhofer on August 29, 1934, in Chesaning, Michigan. After graduating from Maple Grove High School in Chesaning, Bill entered the novitiate in Marcy, New York, on August 16, 1952. He professed first vows on September 5, 1953, and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton in 1957. On August 15, 1960,

Bro. Bill professed perpetual vows as a Marianist brother.

Bro. Bill served in Marianist schools for decades. Between 1957 and 1978, Bro. Bill taught at North Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, St. John's in Rockaway, New York, and Covington Catholic High School in Covington, Kentucky. Bro. Bill taught biology courses during his time as a Marianist educator. Bro. Bob Resing, who was in Bro. Bill's class during his sophomore year, remembers his sense of humor, patience and expertise in biology.

In 1979 Bro. Bill moved to Msgr. Hackett High School in Kalamazoo, Michigan. While at Hackett, Bro. Bill decided to dedicate his time to working outdoors doing general maintenance around the property. During the summer, Bro. Bill earned National Science grants to serve and learn at universities including Carlon College in Pittsburgh, University of California, Berkeley, and Wilkes University in Pennsylvania. Along with working outdoors, Bro. Bill liked woodworking and making crafts.

Between 1985 and 1999, Bro. Bill worked in maintenance at Moeller High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, and St. Catherine Parish in Portage, Michigan. Bro. John Lemker, who lived in community with Bro. Bill, said parishioners at St. Catherine loved Bro. Bill for his friendly nature. He was also known around the parish for dressing up as Santa Claus.

Bro. John liked living with Bro. Bill. "He was a very pleasant contribution to community life," Bro. John said. "He was such a generous person."

In 1999 Bro. Bill moved to Governor's Island in Huntsville, Ohio, where he would spend the remainder of his life. He took care of the grounds and oversaw the kitchen at the retreat center. Bro. Paul Bredestege lived with Bro. Bill for the past nine years and he also remembers Bro. Bill's generous spirit. "Any favor you asked of him, he would do it right away," Bro. Paul said.

Bro. Don Smith lived with Bro. Bill for eight years at Governor's Island. He said Bro. Bill was popular with families who vacationed at the retreat center. After several families found out Bro. Bill was diagnosed with cancer, they came to Governor's Island during the holiday season to sing Christmas carols and spend time with him. Bro. Don said Bro. Bill had a friendly spirit and was always welcoming to guests who came to Mass at Governor's Island.

May he rest in peace.