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



The Region of Peru recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **GEORGE NELSON LYITLE**, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on February 28, 2016 in Lima, Peru, at the age of 97 with 77 years of religious profession.

Bro. Lytle was born in San Antonio, Texas, on May 4, 1918. He entered the Novitiate of Maryhurst in St. Louis in 1937, making his first profession of vows on August 25, 1938. He began his teaching career in 1941 to 1943 at St. Joseph's High School, Victoria, Texas, the only two years he worked in the United States.

He was then assigned to Peru, where he arrived on March 21, 1943, the eleventh Marianists to come to this country.

For his first five years in Peru he was a teacher in the Colegio Santa Maria of Lima, and then from 1948 to 1951 he was Director of the Colegio. From 1951 to 1953 he was Director of the Normal School of Chupaca (near Huancayo, in the Peruvian Andes). He returned then to Santa Maria in Lima, where he remained until 1972, serving again as Director of the Colegio from 1965 to 1967.

But between July 1960 and July 1962 he pursued a Master of Science degree in Physics at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1971 he was named Regional Superior of the Marianists in Peru, a responsibility he carried until 1976. Between 1978 and 1982 he was the Director of the Colegio San Antonio del Callao, a period in which he succeeded in unifying the school. He returned to the leadership position as Provincial Superior from 1983 to 1988. His administration was characterized by an openness to new works, consolidation of those already existing, and a concern for vocation ministry and the formation of the brothers.

In 1989, while in Trujillo, George suffered a stroke, but with physical exercises he recovered and returned to his work as Director of the Elementary Division of the Colegio San José Obrero until 1993.

Beginning in 1994 George began a work of research and writing on the history of the Marianists in Peru, the English version of which was published in 2007. He continued to offer his help in the Marianist Regional Office until 2011, when he moved to work in the Marianist Community of Santa María Reina in Lima.

In union with the Lord, George lived out his filial love for Mary, through his sensitive attention to anyone in need, through his vitality, experience and sense of service, through his gift of vocation and fidelity.

In his final years his health was collapsing. In August of last year he was diagnosed with cancer that gradually worsened. During the year he spent several times in a clinic until last week, when the doctors indicated that his health had so deteriorated that it would be better for him to return to the community, where he died, just after having received the Anointing of the Sick.

May he rest in peace!