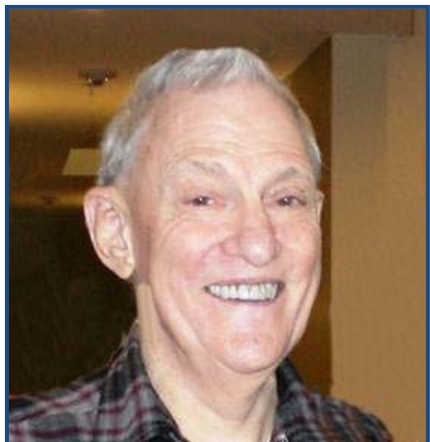


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Death Notice No. 35 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of the United States of America, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **ROBERT WADE**, of the Cupertino Marianist Community (California), who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8, 2011 in Cupertino, California, USA, at the age of 84 with 63 years of religious profession.

Robert Wade was born to Robert and Amy (Smith) Wade in Denver, Colorado, on January 31, 1927. He had two sisters, Nora and Virginia. Bob's father died when he was a young child and his mother raised the children during the Great Depression.

Bob first met the Marianists while attending St. Joseph Alameda High School near Oakland, California. However, it wasn't until serving in World War II that he felt God's call. In a letter to the Province, he wrote, "By daily Mass and communion, and the aid of the Blessed Mother, it grew in me."

Upon his return from the war, Bob finished studies at St. Joseph and entered the novitiate in Beacon, New York. He professed first vows on August 29, 1948.

Bro. John Samaha had just arrived at the novitiate when he met Bro. Bob, who was about to profess first vows. Bro. John remembers him as hard-working and full of energy.

Bro. Bob's first assignment was in Honolulu, Hawai'i, at Saint Louis College (now Saint Louis School). He professed perpetual vows on June 21, 1953.

He returned to California in the late 1950s to work in maintenance at Serra High School (now Junípero Serra High School) in Gardena. He was known around the school for his kind presence, the Jeep he drove on the grounds, and his interest in Serra athletics, as he was recognized as "Serra's No. 1 fan."

"At whichever school he served, Bro. Bob was always that school's biggest fan," Bro. John said.

Bro. Bob was known as a jack-of-all-trades, someone who could do and fix anything, according to Bro. Stanley Murakami. Many communities would request that Bro. Bob do odd jobs and he

would happily oblige. Bro. Stanley said Bro. Bob was a man of faith and recalled his passion for the Notre Dame football program. "He was a good community man," Bro. Stanley said. "He appreciated his brothers and was interested in their lives. He loved conversation."

Bro. Bob served at Archbishop Mitty High School from 1965 until 1970 and then worked in construction and maintenance in Santa Cruz and Cupertino from 1970 until 1979. He also volunteered at Yosemite National Park for several summers in the 1970s. Bro. Bob then studied briefly at Student City College in San Francisco before returning to serve at Serra from 1982 until 1985.

The Marianists began serving at Queen of the Apostles Parish in San Jose in 1985. Bro. Bob joined the staff and was a pioneering member of that community. After four years at Queen of Apostles, Bro. Bob served at Archbishop Riordan High School in San Francisco before retiring in 1993.

"He portrayed a gruff, military exterior, but he was always very concerned about people and ready to help anyone," Fr. Joseph Stefanelli said. "He was compassionate and understanding."

In his later years, Bro. Bob dealt with a number of serious health issues. Still, Bro. Stanley said, his upbeat attitude did not waiver. "I admired that very much," Bro. Stanley said.

May he rest in peace.