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Death Notice No. 9 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Marianist Province of the United States recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **RAYMOND (RAY) MARTIN**, of the Mercy Siena Community (Dayton, Ohio), who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on April 19, 2014, in Dayton, Ohio, USA, at the age of 76 with 57 years of religious profession.

Bro. Ray began as a “working brother” in the Society of Mary, but changed direction to earn both a bachelor’s and master’s degree, ultimately serving as director of the University of Dayton’s Career Placement Services. He was admired for his patience and calm presence wherever he served.

Raymond Edward Martin was born on August 21, 1937, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was one of three children in the family of Gladys (Kane) and Ralph Martin. When Ray was five years old, his family moved to Baltimore. His interest in the Marianists began in the fifth grade, when during a school “Vocation Week,” the School Sisters of Notre Dame at Blessed Sacrament School in Baltimore gave him Marianist vocation materials.

Ray entered the Marianist postulate in Beacon, New York, in 1952, when he was 15. Three years later, he entered Chaminade Prep, the Marianist novitiate in Marcy, New York, where he professed first vows on September 8, 1956. After attending the Marianist scholasticate at Mount St. John in Dayton, Ohio, Bro. Ray professed perpetual vows at the University of Dayton on August 15, 1961.

From his earliest years, Bro. Ray wanted to be a working brother. He was especially interested in the field of management, working in maintenance and on accounts and purchasing. For most of the years from 1958 until 1992, Bro. Ray lived in Dayton, working in many capacities at the University of Dayton, including as a business manager and supervisor of custodial services.

In the mid-1960s, Bro. Ray shifted his focus from working brother to academic pursuits, earning his bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Dayton in 1968 and a master’s degree in education/counseling from UD in 1975. Shortly after receiving his master’s, Bro. Ray was appointed director of Career Placement Services at UD. “The job was the highlight of his life and the people in the office loved him,” said Fr. Norb Burns. “He had found his niche.” Bro. Ray was certified by the State of Ohio as a Licensed Professional Counselor in 1986.

In 1981, on the occasion of Bro. Ray’s 25th jubilee, Fr. Bert Buby wrote to him: “The work of an administrator can be difficult and painstaking. But you have carried it well and have always been open to your fellow brothers of the University of Dayton. I personally have been strengthened by your calmness, your easy smile, and your very presence at the university.”

Beginning in 1993 and into the 2000s, Bro. Ray worked in human resources at the University of Dayton as a personnel assistant and assistant in environmental safety.

In 2010, he moved to Mercy Siena, a healthcare facility in Dayton, due to advancing Parkinson's disease. "During his last years, Ray suffered considerably as a result of his Parkinson's. But he never complained and always wanted to hear about my life," said Fr. Tom Schroer. "The caregivers at Mercy Siena loved him. He was an excellent 'patient' – in the truest sense of that word – and maintained a positive attitude throughout his life."

"I lived with Ray on and off for 56 years, and I never saw him angry or heard him raise his voice," said Fr. Norb. "He was courageous in long suffering patience, especially as his Parkinson's worsened. In the homily at his funeral I compare him to the Good Shepherd."

May he rest in peace.