



Brother Grant R. Ferris, OSFS

July 16, 1946 - January 17, 2022

Brother Grant R. Ferris, OSFS passed from this life on January 17, 2022 at Rosary Care Center in Sylvania, OH, following a long, heroic battle with lung cancer. He was 75 years old. Brother Grant will be remembered by friends and family as an inspiring teacher, a loving family member, a committed and faithful member of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales and a man of faith. One of his final comments was a phrase sung at night prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours, "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit." Ps 31:5

Brother Grant was born on July 16, 1946 to Grant G and Frances (Rellinger) Ferris who predeceased him. He was also preceded in death by his brother-in-law, John Haymaker. He is survived by five siblings, Brother: David (Lydia) Ferris. Sisters: Barbara Haymaker, Linda (Daniel) Judge, Donna (Robert) Harrer and Ellen (Brian) Roth, and many nieces and nephews.

Brother Grant's passion was teaching history to high school students. In 2001, while teaching at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, he was designated as a Teacher Recognition Awardee in the Presidential Scholars Program. The award was presented in recognition of him as an inspiring and challenging teacher. A former principal wrote; "Brother Grant was appointed director of the athletic program. Because of his hard work and attention to details, this program was the most successful in the history of the school."

In his career as a teacher, Brother Grant taught at Lumen Christi High School in Jackson, MI, Aquinas High School and Gabriel Richard High School both in Southgate, MI, and Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, FL. He held positions in these schools ranging from teaching staff, to Activities Director, Finance Administrator, Assistant Principal and Dean.

Brother Grant graduated from De Sales Catholic High School in 1964, Western Michigan with a B.A. in History and the University of Notre Dame with an MSA in Administration.

Brother Grant entered the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales in 1966 and made his first profession as an Oblate in 1967. He professed his final vows as an Oblate brother on September 12, 1975. He retired and entered Senior Status as an Oblate in 2016.

A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on January 21, 2022 at the chapel of St. Francis de Sales School, 2323 West Bancroft, Toledo, OH 43607. The viewing will be from 10:30AM to 11:00AM. The mass will begin at 11:00AM and burial at Resurrection Cemetery in Toledo will follow immediately.

Donations in memory of Brother Grant may be made to the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, PO Box 2868, Toledo OH 43606. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue

Toledo, OH, 43615

Events

JAN **Visitation** 10:30AM - 11:00AM

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JAN **Mass** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Our time together at Cardinal Gibbons High School were good years of sharing, growth and much joy. You'll be remembered as a truly Master Teacher who brought out the best in your students. Rest In Peace for a Life We'll Done!

Brother Michael Brickman. CSC - January 24 at 02:41 PM



“ I so enjoyed any conversations I had with Brother Ferris. His wit made for a bright spot in the day. I will miss his observations on people and situations. I know he's with a few of his friends and wish I could listen in to their conversations. I haven't forgotten that I still owe him lunch. Bro, you can collect when we next meet.

Kathy Tavernia

Kathy Tavernia - January 22 at 03:01 PM



“ Bro- you will be missed on Earth but I know Heaven is rejoicing. Before I started teaching at Cardinal Gibbons I knew about you through my son, John. He said that you were the best teacher he ever had. (and he graduated from FSU Law).
I do have to tell on you. When I started teaching Environmental Science, we did an experiment where the student would analyze the air in the room. One of my students was analyzing the air in your room. She called me over to look in the microscope because she could not identify a particle. I looked at it an immediately realized it was a piece of tobacco. You were smoking in your room. (LOL) Of course, I did not tell the student but did get a laugh about it. You were caught.
I will never forget your wonderful smile and how much joy you brought to Cardinal Gibbons. I will see you again in Heaven.
- Sue Quailey

Sue Quailey - January 20 at 03:53 PM



“ May God forever bless you in eternal life. Your kindness and commitment to shaping and positively influencing youth with a servants heart will be remembered, respected, and honored. May your family feel comfort and their hearts be healed by time and understanding the impact you made in the world.



Al Nowak - January 20 at 02:40 PM



“ We laughed, we cried a lot together. Working with you for 20 some years was a pleasure. We were friends. You kid me all the time about you being a brother, and told me things that I would say really!! And then laugh at me so hard you would tell people, in fact the entire school what you did. I will give one example how you would drive me crazy. You came out of mass and we always chatted afterwards, and I said to you, I need you to give me your rope because it is so yellow looking compared to the other priests, I will bleach it!! Of course then you give me this made up story why you can not wear white 🙏♀️🙏♀️ I have so many memories that I could write a book. I will miss you my friend and will keep my fond memories of you always. Many times you have said to me, I can not wait to go to heaven, I miss my mom so much. Well Bro, I know you have your arms around her now and that gives me great comfort. Till we meet again, oh maybe you get to wear white up there finally. Rest In Peace my friend. Love Penny Jo

Penny Minich - January 20 at 12:25 PM



“ Bro, as I sit here in sadness over your passing, I recall so many stories and memories that make me smile. Thanks for being my mentor and my coffee-buddy friend. Oh we weren't supposed to have coffee in the classroom! I'm sure that the stories are flying with Fr.Charles, Oscar, Fr.Pala and the others , of course monitored by Fr. K. Enjoy your homecoming and keep watch over us! Dick Littlefield, Jay, and Jenn

Richard Littlefield - January 21 at 02:22 PM