



Bro. John Bailey O.S.F.S.

December 15, 1929 - January 3, 2015

Bro. John Bailey, O.S.F.S. passed away on January 3, 2015 at Ebeid Hospice Residence in Sylvania, OH.

Bro. John was born to Clarence and Adaline (Meyers)Bailey in Toledo, Ohio on December 15, 1929. He graduated from Gesu-Toledo in 1943 and Central Catholic HS-Toledo in 1947. He embraced consecrated life as an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales through the profession of vows on March 12, 1949. This past March he celebrated 65 years as an Oblate Brother.

Bro. John was also known as “Beetle” or simply “Beets” - nicknamed after Mort Walker’s comic strip “Beetle Bailey.” He was most at home in the kitchen, cooking for his brother

Oblates, students, campers and the poor at Northeast Catholic HS-Philadelphia from 1950-55; De Chantal Hall-Lewiston, NY from 1955-78; Judge Memorial HS-Salt Lake City from 1979-87; St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen-Buffalo from 1987-93 and Lumen Christi HS-Jackson, MI from 1993-2009. He directed the kitchen at Camp DeSales-Brooklyn, MI, for 20+ summers, preparing three meals a day for up to 200 campers and staff. He made many wonderful dishes -- “Beetle Buns” (his version of sticky buns) being the most popular.

Bro. John helped a number of “little brothers” through the Big Brother program. He actively supported parish life. He was a man of service, simplicity, gentleness, prayer, and concern for others, especially the disadvantaged.

He was preceded in death by his sister Mary Lou Robedeau and brother Frank. He is survived by his sister-in-law Ann Bailey, brother-in-law Charles Robedeau and seven nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 8th in the chapel of Lumen Christi Catholic High School, 3483 Spring Arbor Road, Jackson, MI. Visitation will precede Mass, beginning at 4:00 PM. A reception will follow Mass. Interment will take place at Resurrection Cemetery in Toledo, OH.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lumen Christi High School Chapel
3483 Spring Arbor Rd.
Jackson, MI

Funeral

JAN 8. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lumen Christi High School Chapel
3483 Spring Arbor Rd.
Jackson, MI

Tribute Wall

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“ *The world has lost one of its most colorful people. The family has our most sincere sympathy with the passing of cousin Brother John affectionately known by our kids as "Beetle"*

Joe & Sue Meyers - January 08, 2015 at 08:26 AM

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“ *Dear John, As I shed tears in writing this I am also aware of the fact that the whole family is together again. You were such a generous person and son of God. As a brother in law the most down to earth holy person I ever knew. neatest uncle any kid could ever have. Our last get together was the thanksgiving day meal we all had in Jackson. Every one was always in the "kitchen" cuz that is where you were artistic. All the times at camp de Sales, the kids and the treats in the cooler or freezer. not many kids got to go into them, but mine did. I could write for hours. May you rest in peace John and say hello to Frank for me. love Ann*

Ann Bailey - January 06, 2015 at 10:09 AM

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I forgot the time of my 80th birthday party in 2012 in Toledo Ohio when lots of family were present. Oh what fun it was.

ann bailey - January 07, 2015 at 05:43 PM