

# Robert D. Wood

1927 - 2016



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December 6, 2016

Bro. Robert D. Wood, S.M. died in the service of the Blessed Virgin on December 6, 2016 at the age of 89 and with 71 years of vowed life.

He was born in St. Louis on April 2, 1927, the son of Douglas Wood and Helen Keefe, and was the first graduate of Eugene Coyle High School in Kirkwood, MO, to enter the Marianists on August 15, 1945. He professed his perpetual vows on July 17, 1949. He received a B.S. in Education from

the University of Dayton in 1948, and M.A. in History from the Catholic University of America in 1965, and a Ph. D. in History from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru in 1967 and was a member of Phi Alpha Theta. He taught in Marianist high schools in Chicago and St. Louis; in St. Boniface, Canada where he was on a five-person committee to make the English exam for the whole Province of Manitoba; in Yokohama, Japan; in Lima, Peru; and in Apaseo el Grande in Mexico. He also taught in two universities: the Santa Maria Catholic University in Arequipa where he was Secretary General and Dean of Humanities and established an Institute of Pre-Columbian Studies which became a faculty of archeology, and was made Professor Emeritus. In San Antonio he spent 29 years at St. Mary's University teaching history and anthropology, and serving for 19 of those years as archivist and curator of Special Collections for which he received an award from the San Antonio Historical Society. He was one of the founders of the Society of Mary in Mexico, in Coatzacoalcos. He served for several years as the Secretary General of the Society of Mary in Rome. In his various assignments in addition to teaching he moderated and edited school papers and yearbooks, organized the Marian sodality, built three Lourdes grottos, started an award-winning drum and bugle corps, directed choral groups, and a guitar ensemble, coached a champion track and field team, directed plays, ran a bookstore, and in three places organized the school library. He did archeological work in Peru, Belize, and Rome. He was also a musician and composer, including three operettas. He was fluent in Spanish and translated numerus documents and several books, and interpreted at six General Chapters of the Society of Mary. He had over a dozen books published in addition to the seven booklets of documents from the Laredo archives for which he twice received the Webb County Heritage Award, and over 40 articles in various periodicals. He also received the San Antonio Conservation Society Book Award.

Bro. Wood is survived by his sister, Mary Jean Wood, M.D. and serval

cousins.

## FUNERAL SERVICES

Visitation will begin on Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 PM with the Rosary to be recited 7:00 PM at the Marianist Residence Chapel. Visitation will resume on Monday, December 12, at 9:00 AM with the Eucharist of Christian Burial offered at 10:00 AM at the Marianist Residence Chapel. Interment will follow in the Marianist Cemetery. There will be a reception and luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Brother Robert Wood Scholarship Fund at St. Mary's University.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.theangelusfuneralhome.com](http://www.theangelusfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by:

*The Angelus Funeral Home*  
**1119 N. St. Mary's St. 227-1461**  
*John F. Delgado & Family*

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## MEMORIAL EVENTS

**DEC Visitation****11** 06:00 PM

Marianist Residence Chapel

 **Send Flowers****DEC Rosary****11** 07:00 PM

Marianist Residence Chapel

 **Send Flowers****DEC Visitation****12** 09:00 AM **Send Flowers****DEC Service****12** 10:00 AM

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December 15, 2016

The Midwest Chapter of PHI ALPHA THETA History Honor Society recognizes the passing of noted historian, college and high school history instructor, and member BRO. ROBERT D. WOOD, S.M.

Bro. WOOD' historical scholarship, teaching, religious service and community involvement are fondly remembered by all of us at this time.

Know of our sincere sympathy on the passing of this great P-A-T member, who was a role model for many of us.

Sincerely,

Bereavement Committee

PHI ALPHA THETA HISTORY HONOR SOCIETY

St. Louis, Missouri

**Bereavement Comm Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society**

December 15, 2016

The KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS of Metro St. Louis and Kirkwood, MO prayerfully remember Kirkwood native, Coyle H.S. graduate and longtime Marianist Brother BRO. ROBERT D. WOOD, S.M.

Bro. ROBERT was prayerfully recalled at our recent Christmastime meeting where his death and funeral information was announced.

As a proud graduate of ST. PETER's and COYLE HIGH SCHOOL (Kirkwood, MO), his hometown Knights were honored to remember his many accomplishments as a talented native son and Marianist Brother, as well as his vocational zeal and ministry of many years to generations of high school and college students. His talent as a historian and scholar was also recognized.

Know that the ST. LOUIS and KIRKWOOD Knights of Columbus will remember BRO. ROBERT with their Masses and prayers during the coming year. He will also be remembered at the Annual Purgatorial Mass sponsored by the Metro St. Louis KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS.

Well-merited Eternal Rest with Our Lord, BRO. ROBERT, and consolation to your fellow Marianists and family from your hometown Knights!

Sincerely,

The Bereavement Committee

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS Fourth Degree and

KIRKWOOD COUNCIL Knights of Columbus

Metro St. Louis, MO

**Knights of Columbus of Kirkwood and Metro St. Louis**

December 12, 2016

I took one class with Bro. Wood in anthropology and found him to be kind and most interesting in his stories about visiting the world and other cultures. My condolences to the loss of your loved one.

**Herb Gonzales, Jr.**

December 11, 2016

Saturday, December 10.2016

Brother Robert (Bob) was so energetic, and was always Faithful in attending the Liturgies. In fact, NOT being at Holy Mass, lead me to wonder about Bro. Bob and his health. I was so shocked upon learning of Bro. Bob's death. My many Rosary-Prayers and Masses are lifted up into the Merciful Hands of Our Lord and His Mother, Mary. When being called, myself, to Heaven Bro. Bob and my Marianist Family will surely welcome

me into the Loving Arms of Jesus, Mary and Saint Joseph.

In Mary's JOY,

- Bro. Louis Mason, S.M.

December 10, 2016

I remember him fondly. He was kind, cultured and dedicated his life to help others.

**Ed Salmeron**

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