

## Obitu

### Br. Donald Fisher

Br. Donald Fisher, C.P.P.S., 72, died on June 25, 2008 in the infirmary at St. Charles Center in Carthagen, after a lengthy illness. He was 73.



Br. Donald was born on Nov. 9, 1935, in Wapakoneta, to Bernard and Marian (Stueve) Fisher. He was named Eugene at birth but took the name Donald when he was professed as a brother of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in 1955. He had entered the Congregation in 1950.

After his profession, Br. Donald went to work as a farmer on the Congregation's farm at St. Mary's Novitiate in Burkettsville. In 1959, he moved to St. Charles Seminary (now St. Charles Center) to help on the farm there, and there he remained for the rest of his life. Br. Donald, who became the farm manager, worked the Congregation's fields around St. Charles for 46 years, until the missionaries ceased farming operations at St. Charles after the 2005 harvest. Br. Don then volunteered as a member of the board of supervisors with the Mercer County Soil and Water Conservation District, which honored him in 2005 for his work in conservation farming.

Br. Donald lived a life of commitment: commitment to the earth, commitment to his work and commitment to his Community, said Br. Nick Renner, C.P.P.S., who worked along with him on the farm at St. Charles for 40 years.

"Never in all those years did I ever hear him question his vocation of being a brother," Renner said. "He was committed to his spiritual life and never missed Mass and prayers unless he was on the tractor most of the night."

Br. Donald was also a master mechanic and was highly respected by those in the farming community for his many abilities, Br. Nick added.

He is survived by a brother and his wife, Thomas and Marceil Fisher, of Wapakoneta; a sister, Sr. Jane Fisher, R.S.M., of Port Clinton; six nephews and two nieces and 24 great-nieces and great-nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Monday, June 30, 2008 at St. Charles, with the Rev. Angelo Anthony presiding and the Rev. Ken Pleiman as homilist. Hogenkamp Funeral Home of St. Henry handled the arrangements.