

The Rev. Gerald Hall

The Rev. Gerald Hall, C.P.P.S., 59, died unexpectedly on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007, after a brief illness at St. Catherine Hospital, in East Chicago, Ind.



He was born March 2, 1948, in Arlington, Va., to Gerald A. and Mary Frances (Deppert) Hall, both deceased. He entered the Society of the Precious Blood in 1966 and was incorporated on Aug. 15, 1969.

He is survived by a brother and his wife, John and Mirtha Hall of Florida; a sister and her husband, Georganne and Sam Stephens, of Florida and a nephew, Tom McCroan, of Florida.

Hall was a teacher and was involved in parish ministry. Holding a master's degree in geology from Case Western Reserve University, he taught science at Brunnerdale, the society's high school seminary near Canton; and at Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting, Ind., from 1974-85.

In 1986, he completed a Master of Science degree in computer science and information systems from DePaul University in Chicago. He taught at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind., from 1988-89, and returned to Calumet College of St. Joseph as a professor of computer information systems from 1989-91. From 1991-93, he once again was a professor at St. Joseph's College. The Missionaries of the Precious Blood sponsors both churches.

In 1993, he entered parish ministry as a pastoral associate at Immaculate Conception Church in Celina. There, he was a singer and guitarist in the folk music group and worked in youth ministry. He was the sponsor of the Celina Companions, lay associates of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

From 1996 to 2001, he served as business manager of St. Charles Center in Carthage. He returned to Calumet College in 2001 as a professor of science and served as a member of the board of trustees. He also worked in campus ministry. He was enrolled at the Illinois Institute of Technology, where he was working toward a doctorate in environmental science. He was also active at St. John the Baptist Church in Whiting, Ind., where he helped lead

the prayer group and was a faithful participant in Companion gatherings.

A lover of nature and the natural world, Hall was also a bicyclist and a bird-watcher.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, Aug. 29, at St. John the Baptist Church in Whiting, Ind.

Calling hours at St. Charles Center, in Carthage, will be held Thursday, Aug. 30, from 1-5 and 7-9 p.m. with a wake service at 7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Charles Center on Friday, Aug. 31, at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in the community cemetery.

Barans Funeral Home, in Whiting, Ind., handled prior arrangements, and Hogenkamp Funeral Home in St. Henry is handling the local arrangements.