

Br. Augustine Kruck C.P.P.S.

Br. Augustine Kruck C.P.P.S., 89, died in the infirmary at St. Charles Center, Carthagen, Ohio on Tuesday, July 20, 2004.

Br. Augustine was born Harry Kruck on April 9, 1915, the son of the late John and Regina Kruck.

He is survived by two sisters, Regina Maguire of Canton and Betty Willaman of North Canton, Ohio; and a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Br. Gus, as he was called was skilled as a carpenter and was in charge of building crews even as a novice. He was professed as a brother in 1961 and became part of the life at St. Charles. where he earned his boiler operator license and worked in the powerhouse, as well as becoming the chief

of the St. Charles fire department, in charge of a used pumper truck purchased in 1969. Br. Gus and his small department of Br. Isadore Hertel and other brothers and lay people, went to the aid of other local departments over its years of service, as well as fighting small fires at St. Charles and a large, devastating fire at the novitiate in Burkettsville.

When he returned home to Canton, often for the annual Football Hall of Fame parade, he was greeted enthusiastically by his family who remember him as a quiet, well-loved man who loved trains and was a Civil War buff.

Fr. Ken Schroeder C.P.P.S celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial, July 24 at St. Charles Center. Burial followed in the community cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home, St. Henry, handled the arrangements.