

Br. Richard Schaffner, C.P.P.S.

Br. Richard Schaffner, C.P.P.S., 59, of St. Charles Center, Carthage, Ohio, died at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, February 2, 2005, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, Ohio, after a brief illness.

He was born October 6, 1945, in Canton, Ohio, to Lester and Lucille (Mercier) Schaffner. He entered the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in 1981, and made his profession to become a brother on June 18, 1986.



Br. Richard was a teacher. He held a masters degree in education from Ohio State University. After his profession as a brother he taught history and religion at several ministry sites, including St. Adalbert Church and School in Cleveland from 1985-89 and 1992-98; Precious Blood Church and School in Dayton from 1989-92. He was the pastoral assistant and director of religious education at St. Matthew Church in Akron from 1998-99. From 1999-2000, he taught religion at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron.

In 2000, he came to St. Charles Center, where he worked in the office. He also taught adult religious education courses in the area.

Survivors include two sisters and their husbands, Chris and Barry Pitkin of Canton, Ohio; and Kathy and Tim Schaff of Massillon, Ohio; and two nephews, Chad Pitkin of Westland, Mich.; and Sage Schaff of Massillon.

His parents and one brother, Dale, are deceased.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Charles at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 5, with the Rev. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S., presiding. The homilist will be Fr. Jerry Steinbrunner, C.P.P.S. Burial followed in the Community cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Charles Center, 2860 St Rt 127 Celina, OH 45822

Hogenkamp Funeral Home, Coldwater, is in charge of the arrangements.