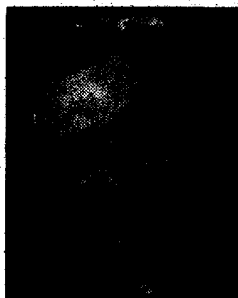


Gary Scherer

Fr. Gary Scherer, C.P.P.S., 73, died at approximately 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 6, 2012, at St. Charles Center in Carthage. He had been in failing health for some time.



He was born on Jan. 3, 1939, in Portsmouth, the son of John and Ruth (Seyfried) Scherer. He entered the society in 1958 and was ordained on June 3, 1967.

Fr. Scherer's first assignment was as an assistant pastor at St. Joseph Church in Wapakoneta from 1967-1970. He then ministered as a chaplain at Holy Name Hospital in Cincinnati from 1970-81 and then spent more than 20 years as a chaplain at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Dayton.

In 2000, he was named parochial vicar of St. John the Baptist Church in Whiting, Ind., where he served until ill health forced his retirement in 2010.

Survivors include six sisters, Carol (Thomas) Peckham of Grass Lake, Mich., Donna (Arthur) Pickelheimer of Columbus, Sue (Randy) Burnside of Jeffersonville, Diane (Greg) Lodwick of Portsmouth, Lynne (Curt) Webb of Wheelersburg, Ann Bartlett of Portsmouth; seven brothers, Raymond (Pat) of Galt, Calif., Joe (Carol) of Boiling Springs, S.C., David (Alice) of Portsmouth, Daniel (Debbie) of Atlanta, Dean (Gale) of Columbus, Richard and Mark, both of Portsmouth; a sister-in-law, Linda Scherer of Columbus; numerous nieces and nephews; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

Deceased two are brothers, Roger and Jimmy; a sister, Sandra.

Fr. Scherer was a gentle soul and a gifted artist who was kind to everyone he met. A guitarist and a superb tenor, he loved all kinds of music, everything from opera to country.

His long illness left him weakened, but he seldom complained; his illness made him even more compassionate to those who were suffering.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Tuesday, July 10 at 2 p.m., at St. Charles Center in Carthage, with the Rev. Larry Hemmelgarn, C.P.P.S., presiding.

Fr. Thomas Beischel, C.P.P.S., was the homilist. Burial followed in the Community cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Mission-