

## *Legacy Project*

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **Brother Richard Stephen Weber, C.S.C.**

*born: 13 September 1936*

*died: 9 June 1999*



Richard (Richie) was born in Cleveland, and entered Holy Cross after graduation from St. Edward in 1955. He made his first vows in 1957. At that time, the vocation choice was either to be a 'teaching Brother' or a 'working Brother.' Richie was the most talented, generous and ingenious 'working Brother' ever. Few have been gifted with the cleverness, artistic genius, and imagination, he possessed. He was a craftsman in any pursuit whether carpentry, electricity, plumbing, landscaping, tailoring, farming, or mechanics. His life of design, construction and maintenance began at Dujarie Hall, then 3 years at Rolling Prairie and 4 years taking care of Holy Cross High at River Grove. When the Brothers Center complex was being built in 1965, he saved the community thousands of dollars as supervisor of the construction. His knowledge, expertise, self-discipline, and photographic memory were such that a repairman was never needed a second time. Richie's greatest gifts were helping the handicapped children at Logan Center and Indiana State Hospital. He designed unique wheelchairs and specialized furniture to accommodate their posture. His creations were numerous: gargoyles, the backward clock, a 2-ft Rubik's Cube, magnificent cabinets, unicycles, even a homemade airplane which he flew. When cancer was discovered, his spirit of trust in God, St. Joseph and Brother Andre' were his strengths. He remained positive, upbeat and cheerful.

*By the fruits of their labor you shall know them.*

**-- Matthew 7:16**

*Work is either fun or drudgery. It depends on your attitude. I like fun.*

**-- Colleen C. Barrett**