

Legacy Project

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Brother Richard William Shea, C.S.C.

born: 18 October 1928

died: 30 May 2011



Richard was born in Chicago and attended St. Ferdinand Elementary and St. Ignatius High. He began his college studies at Loyola University for 2 years and then left to work as a payroll clerk until 1950. He followed a calling to join Holy Cross and went to Watertown, then to the novitiate and pronounced his first vows on February 2, 1952. He went to St. Edward's University where he completed his college studies, earning his degree *magna cum laude* in 1954. For the next 26 years, Richard taught in high schools in Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois -- primarily his favorite courses in English and also directed annual drama and musical productions at the schools. In 1981, Richard began studies in psychology and gerontology at Roosevelt University and earned a master's degree. He then started a new career for 21 years in caring for the elderly and assisting senior citizens in the Chicago area, working with the Council on Aging, Family Care of Illinois and Family Services. Richard used his admirable talents to the fullest in his services to both the youth as well as with the elderly. He loved photography, particularly of nature and of people. He enjoyed sharing his artistic creations. His notorious Irish wit and experience of helping others with issues of aging were valuable in bringing humor into stressful situations. Richard's compassion, cheerfulness, and concern for others were characteristics that others truly admired.

Be of one mind, all of you, sympathetic, loving, compassionate, humble.

-- 1 Peter, 3:8

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.

-- Dalai Lama