

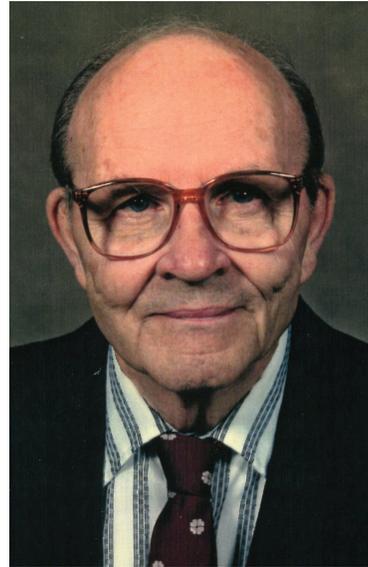
Legacy Project

October 28th

Brother Roland (John) Driscoll, C.S.C.

born: 8 February 1918

died: 28 October 2016



Roland was born in Knoxville, TN, the son of Bernard and Nell (Brennan) Driscoll. He attended St. Mary's school and Knoxville Catholic High School. His parish priest, (a former Holy Cross Brother convinced him to join the Brothers. Roland went to Watertown where he completed his senior year of high school, then went to the Novitiate where he made his first vows in 1938. He began his studies at Notre Dame and graduated in 1942. He later earned a master's degree there in 1948. His first teaching assignment was at Coyle High in Taunton, MA, then Central High in South Bend and Cathedral High. He became the principal of Notre Dame High in Biloxi, MS for 3 years and returned to Cathedral High for 16 years serving as teacher, principal, and athletic director. Each summer for many years he was the dynamic director of Notre Dame Summer Camp at Bankson Lake near Lawton, MI. His last assignment was in Louisville at Bishop David High for 7 years. In 1980 he ministered to his aging mother and remained there to help other family members in the local parish for 26 years. He loved his Smoky Mountains and vegetable garden. When the principal at the high school learned he never graduated, Roland joined the class of 2000 and finally received his diploma. Always a 'southern gentleman' with an inquiring mind and a rabid Tennessee fan, he proudly wore his orange UT sweatshirt. He moved back north to live at Columba Hall in 2006. His cheery greeting and boisterous voice could be easily heard and enjoyed.

Be gentle with everyone, able to teach and correct with kindness.

-- 2 Timothy 2:24

When you encounter difficulties, try to bend them with gentleness.

-- Francis de Sales