

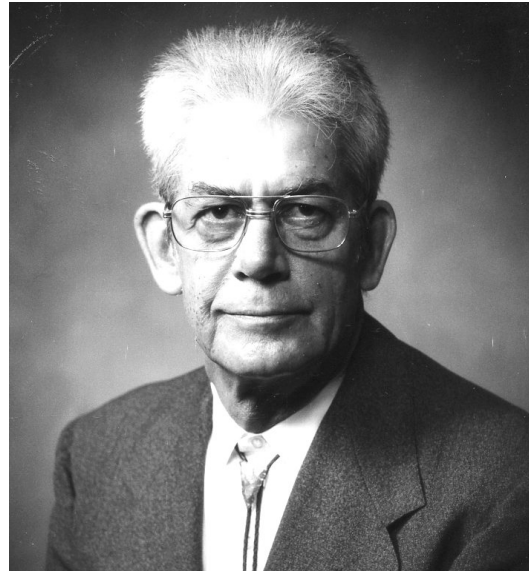
Legacy Project

October 16th

Brother Edwin (Albert) Mattingly, C.S.C.

born: 4 June 1918

died: 16 October 1993



Edwin was born in Indianapolis, went to Cathedral High, and followed his brother into the community. He went to Watertown in 1933 and the novitiate where he made first vows in 1937. He studied at Notre Dame, earned a bachelor's of science degree in 1941 and a master's in 1953. His love of zoology was prominent in his life. He taught at Terre Haute, Evansville, South Bend, Lakewood, Milwaukee and Chicago. His classes were lively and enthusiastic. He enjoyed camping, canoeing, and traveling the Wabash River with Br. Eymard. Edwin and Br. Donard used to take groups of students for summer trips to the Boundary Waters of Minnesota for survival courses. He was an avid member of the Audubon Society and an accomplished falconer. His love of ornithology was such that he began a doctorate at the University of New Mexico, which led to a contract with the U.S. Air Force to use hawks to scare flocks of birds from jet runways. When he thought of retiring at 65, Br. Donard invited him to come to Monrovia, Liberia to teach biology for 5 years. Edwin even invited his Benedictine brother, Father Basil, to come and teach there. His courageous and stubborn body fell victim to leukemia, but not his spirit. He told friends, "When it hurts too bad, I pray and give it to the Lord. If it gets really bad, I reach for my rosary. That always helps."

Praise the Lord from the Earth, all birds of the air ... all living things upon it.
-- Psalm 148:4

Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life.
-- Rachel Carson