

Legacy Project

September 26th

Brother Kenan (Patrick) Judge, C.S.C.

born: 23 March 1903

died: 26 September 1994



Kenan was born in Melrose, Iowa and attended schools there. He went to St. Ambrose College and taught in a one-room schoolhouse for 5 years. He joined the Brothers and went to the juniorate in Watertown in 1938. He made his first vows in 1939. He studied at Notre Dame, prefected in Carroll Hall and completed his bachelor's degree in 1942. He later earned a Master's Degree in History. He had a great love of history, was a master teacher and natural story-teller. He taught at Gibault School and Cathedral, was the Dean of Men at St. Edward's University and taught and served as assistant principal at St. Joseph's High in South Bend. His longest tenure was teaching and counseling for 19 years at St. Edward High in Lakewood. He was a member of many professional organizations and taught a popular History Methods course at Notre Dame for 10 summers. He was a mentor to a number of beginning teachers. He maintained a healthy balance in his teaching, never taking himself too seriously. He would tell his students: "The love and concern you show is as important as the remotest facts of history." He spent 4 years caring for family in Albia, Iowa. He enjoyed living with the community at Columba Hall. His story-telling and aid to others were trade marks. Constant prayers and devotion to the Sacred Heart brought him consolation and peace in his later years. .

You granted him his heart's desire and the wishes on his lips.

-- Psalm 21:2

A teacher affects eternity: he can never tell where his influence stops.

-- Henry Adams