

Legacy Project

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Brother Donald Eugene Schapker, C.S.C.



born: 20 February 1939

died: 27 September 2026

Donald Schapker was born in Evansville, IN, where he attended St. Joseph Grade School and went on to graduate from Reitz Memorial High School in 1957. In August of that year, Donald joined the Brothers of Holy Cross. After taking vows, he was assigned to the staff at Sacred Heart Military Academy in Watertown, WI, for six months and then was assigned to work at the Ave Maria Press. In 1963, he was assigned to work as a clerk at the Notre Dame Post Office, where he served until his retirement in 1994. He was on the staff at Columba Hall until 1995, when he was assigned to work in the Department of Audio-Visual Services at NITA at the Notre Dame Law School. Retiring in 2007, he continued to live at Columba Hall until his death. He spent 65 years as a member of the Columba Hall Community. Brother Donald entered Holy Cross because of the example set by the brothers who were his teachers at Reitz Memorial High School. When he retired from the Notre Dame Post Office in 1994, he was the last brother to serve there. Throughout his life as a brother, he was known as an easy-going, unflappable man with a steadfast dedication to whatever he was assigned. He was kind and maintained a quiet disposition with a wry sense of humor and took each day as it came.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

“Each day has its ups and downs and my life, thank goodness, has had a lot more ups. I feel very blessed” Brother Donald Schapker