

Legacy Project

November 27

Brother Jerome Francis Kroetsch, C.S.C.

born: 12 July 1933

died: 27 November 2022



Jerome Kroetsch was born in Snover, Michigan on July 12, 1933. He attended Urban Elementary School in Snover and then Sandusky High School in Sandusky, Michigan, graduating in 1952. He helped on the family dairy farm until he joined the U.S. Army in 1954 where he rose to the rank of Specialist 3rd Class serving with guided missile units. Following a call to religious life, he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1960. Throughout his apostolic life Jerome served in many places including the United States, Bangladesh, the Virgin Islands, the West Indies and Ghana. In each location he was appreciated for his skills as an electrician, auto mechanic and other industrial trades. Perhaps his most notable assignment took place in Ghana. As director of the Skilled Training Center in Sekondi, Jerome saw the desperate need to modernize the facility. Jerome applied for grants and brought the facility up-to-date. Cerebral malaria forced Jerome to return to the United States. In 2015 he began to write poetry and prose while living at Columba Hall until his death.

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. 1 Corinthians 3:10

Totally, unworthy, though I am, I feel a "one on one" relationship with the Lord.
Brother Jerome Kroetsch, CSC