

Death Notice



Wednesday, 1 April 2015



Father John Proppe, O.F.M. Cap.

We offer our prayers for the repose of the soul of our brother **Fr. John Proppe, O.F.M. Cap.**, who died Tuesday, March 31, 2015 in Yonkers, New York at the age of 94.

Date of birth	December 19, 1920
Investiture	August 26, 1939
First Profession	August 27, 1940
Perpetual Profession	August 27, 1943
Ordination	June 4, 1947

Wake

Monday, April 6, 2015

2:00-4:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m.

St. Clare Friary
110 Shonnard Place
Yonkers, NY 10703

Funeral

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

11:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church
110 Shonnard Place
Yonkers, NY 10703

Interment

Province of St. Mary Cemetery, Yonkers, NY

Reception

Sacred Heart Friary Dining Room
110 Shonnard Place
Yonkers, NY 10703

Capuchin Communications

Father John Proppe, O.F.M. Cap.
[Extended version]

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars of the Province of St. Mary mourn the death of their brother Father John Proppe who passed away on Tuesday evening, March 31, 2015 at St. John Riverside Hospital, Yonkers, NY at the age of 94.

John Proppe, the son of Henry J. and Elizabeth Lotze-Proppe was born on December 19, 1920 in New York City. He was baptized at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 210 West 31st St., NYC, administered by the Capuchin Franciscan friars. He attended Saint John the Baptist grade school, New York City [1926-34] and St. Mary Seraphicate, Garrison, NY [1934-39].

John entered the Capuchins in 1939 at St. Felix Friary, Huntington, IN receiving the name Agnellus. His classmates included notables Virgil Mullen; Ernest Reardon, and Rufin Kuveikis. Fr. John pronounced his perpetual vows on August 27, 1943 at Mary Immaculate Friary, Garrison, NY and was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1947 at the Church of St. Mary, Marathon, WI. In 1948 he served as a parochial assistant at both St. John the Baptist Church, New York City, his home parish and St. Francis Church, Milwaukee, WI while studying Japanese in preparation for service in our newly established Japanese mission.

Fr. John ministered as a missionary in various mission stations in the Ryukyu Islands from 1948-1959. During his eleven years in Japan he also served as a Vice Chancellor, Ecclesiastic Consulter and member of the Diocesan Senate. His nine years spent in the Marianas Islands [1960-1969] were in the service of the parochial communities of Tamuning and Agaña Heights, Guam.

Father returned to the States where he ministered as a parochial assistant at St. John the Baptist Church, NYC [1970] and St. Pius X, Middletown, CT [1970-73].

In 1973, Fr. John began his 28 year ministry as a health-care chaplain at the VA hospital in Canandaigua, NY with residence at St. Fidelis Friary, Interlaken, NY [1973-1985]; Kateri Nursing Home, NYC [1985-86]; and Rosary Hill Home, Hawthorne, NY [1986-2001].

Since April 4, 2001, Fr. John has been a member of the Capuchin Franciscan senior community at St. Clare Friary, 110 Shonnard Friary, Yonkers, NY 10703. Father was survived by a nephew Robert and his wife Lois of Middletown, NY and a niece Susan of Hampton Bays, LI, NY.

Viewing will be held at St. Clare Friary, Yonkers, NY from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2015. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church 110 Shonnard Place, Yonkers, NY on Tuesday April 7, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, we will kindly receive your donations for the continued care of our senior friars who reside at St. Clare Friary, 110 Shonnard Place, Yonkers, NY 10703.