Brother William Kennealy, 71; Was Twice St. Mary’s Principal

Brother William Kennealy, a Marianist and former teacher and administrator, died Saturday (April 22, 1995) at St. Joseph’s Hospital of complications from Parkinson’s disease. He was 71.

Brother Kennealy was born and reared in St. Louis. He graduated from South Side Catholic High School and earned a bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Dayton and a master’s degree in education from Marquette University. He also attended St. Louis University.

He joined the Marianists in 1946 after serving as a transport pilot in the Army Air Forces in the South Pacific in World War II.

After the war, he taught religion, economics, social studies and mathematics at several schools here, including Chaminade College Preparatory School and DeAndreis and St. Mary’s high schools.

He served as principal of St. Mary’s from 1958 to 1964 and again from 1976 to 1982. He had also coached various sports and taught in Illinois and Texas. He retired in 1992.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. Thursday in the chapel at Vianney High School, 1311 South Kirwood Road, Kirkwood. Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. today at the high school chapel. Burial will be in Maryhurst Cemetery on the grounds of the high school.

Among the survivors is a sister, Jane Kennealy of St. Louis.