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Fr. Thaddeus Posey O.F.M. Cap.

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Fr. Thaddeus Posey, O.F.M.Cap., 69, died Wednesday morning, Aug. 7, at Victoria, Kan., following a long struggle with cancer. The son of the late Lt. Col. John William and Teresa (Braxton) Posey of Washington D.C., Fr. Posey was born in Washington, D.C., on May 10, 1944. Following graduation from Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, Posey earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy at St. Fidelis College in Herman, Pa., and a master's degree in religious education from Capuchin College in Washington in 1970. Already as a seminarian, in 1968, he was the founding chairperson of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, and he remained active with the group until 1989. Meanwhile in 1963, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order at Annapolis, Md. After ordination to the priesthood in 1971, he served as counselor at Carroll High and assistant chaplain in the District of Columbia juvenile prison. In 1973, Posey moved to Denver, where he served as assistant pastor of Annunciation Church, chaplain at the juvenile detention center, and pastoral minister and teacher at Machebeuf High School. After the founding of the Capuchin's Mid-America province in 1977, Posey served as provincial secretary and treasurer in Kansas City, Mo., and began his 30-year career with the chaplaincy service of the U.S. Army Reserves. From 1980 till 1991, Father served as founding director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans. During those years he also coordinated retreat programs for the Charles Lwanga Center in St. Louis, taught at St. Louis University and Cardinal Ritter Prep, and began doctoral studies at the University. Earning a Ph.D. in historical theology in 1993, he joined the faculty of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., from which he retired in 2006. During his years at St. Thomas he taught eight annual extension courses in Ghana on 20th Century African Christianity. In early 2007 he also retired as a full colonel from the military, and since then he has been in residence at St. Fidelis Friary in Victoria, Kan. Father is survived by a sister, Rita T. Posey-Moore and two nephews, David A. Moore of Oakland, Ca., and William J.A. Moore of Milwaukee. Funeral arrangements: Wake Service at Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary Mortuary, Tuesday, 8/13/2013 at 7:30 p.m. Funeral Mass at Annunciation Parish, 3601 Humboldt St., Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery.



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