

Friar Conrad Somerville OFM Conv.

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Somerville, Friar Conrad OFM Conv. SYRACUSE Fr. Conrad (Jay) Somerville, OFM Conv. died peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse on November 21, 2013 after a brief illness. He was born in Cohoes on August 3, 1928, the son of the late Earl and Catherine Somerville. Fr. Conrad professed his first vows as a Conventual Franciscan Friar on August 18, 1948 in Cohoes and his solemn vows on August 18, 1952 in Rensselaer. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 12, 1954 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Fr. Conrad spent much of his Franciscan priestly ministry as a teacher. He taught at St. Francis College in Moravia, Costa Rica; Bishop Scully High School in Amsterdam; and Canevin High School in Pittsburgh, Pa. Fr. Conrad also taught at St. Joseph Grammar School in Utica and Our Lady of Angels School in Albany. He served as the associate pastor at Holy Rosary Church in Belleville, Ontario, and pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Tribes Hill, N.Y. After serving a number of years as sacramental minister at St. Francis Chapel in Albany, he moved to Syracuse 15 years ago to serve at The

Franciscan Place at Destiny USA. Fr. Conrad will be deeply missed by his Franciscan community and all the people he served faithfully as a friar-priest over many years, especially those to whom he ministered at The Franciscan Place in Destiny USA. Visitation hours will be held at the Franciscan Church of the Assumption, 812 North Salina St. in Syracuse on Monday, November 25, 2013 from 4 to 7 p.m. with a Franciscan Wake service at 7 p.m. A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Assumption Church. The Rite of Committal and Burial will be at the Friars' plot in Assumption Cemetery in Syracuse immediately following the Mass. Memorial contributions may be made to: The Franciscan Place, Destiny USA, 9645 Destiny USA Drive, Syracuse, NY 13290. Keegan-Osbelt-Knight Funeral Home, Inc. has been entrusted with the arrangements. Knightfamily funeralhome.com

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December 4, 2013

He took me and my brother to Fonda races, or I should say we took him.

Tim Whelly

November 24, 2013

Dear Friars & Family,
Enjoyed Conrad over the years.
I celebrated a Mass for him.
May he rest in peace.

Fr. Rene Robert

November 22, 2013

Father Jay was a classmate at St. Josephs in Albany. As I remember him he was a good friend and one of the guys.

Ken Kennedy

November 22, 2013

Friar Conrad - "Jay" - loved classical music and mystery "theater" a la radio...Peace and Rest, Father!! Joe "Finian"

November 22, 2013

I am saddened to learn of Father's passing he became my second spiritual confessor/adviser after my former one Father David Testa had passed away. Father Conrad followed almost identical with Father Testa's spiritual advice may he join Father Testa now in eternity please God who gave both these priests to help me in my life.

Frank Faas

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