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## Fr Eugene Kwapisz

<b>BIRTH</b>	15 Feb 1938 Buffalo, Erie County, New York, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	27 Jan 1988 (aged 49) Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	<a href="#">Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Cemetery</a> Cheektowaga, Erie County, New York, USA
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	21457298

Fr. Eugene Kwapisz, OFM Conv., son of Martin and Valerie (Stands) Kwapisz, was born on February 15, 1938, in Buffalo, NY. His primary and secondary education were received in Corpus Christi School and Bishop Ryan High School, Buffalo, NY. Following in the footsteps of his brother Gregory, he joined the Conventual Franciscans, entering the Novitiate at St. Lawrence Friary in Becket, MA, in August of 1955. He made his first profession of vows on August 15, 1956. Then, Fr. Eugene attended the University of St. Bonaventure, Olean, NY, to begin his college studies. To complete his philosophy and undergraduate courses, he was sent to St. Hyacinth College and Seminary in Granby, MA. While at St. Hyacinth, he professed his solemn vows on August 15, 1959. The Minister Provincial and his Definitorial Council sent Fr. Eugene to the Seraphic College, Rome, Italy, for his theological studies and he was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at the Basilica of the Twelve Apostles on February 16, 1964.

Upon his return to the States, Fr. Eugene served as teacher and guidance counselor for ten years at Archbishop Curley High School in Baltimore, MD. During his teaching career at Curley, he earned his Master's degree in Religious Education from Loyola University, Chicago, IL, in 1972. In 1979, Fr. Eugene began to work in the parochial apostolate, serving in the following parishes of the Province: as an associate pastor in St. Joseph Parish, Mt. Carmel, PA; St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Sharon, PA; St. Casimir Parish, Riverside, NJ. In 1985, he petitioned to serve as a pioneer Franciscan in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, GA and was appointed parochial vicar for the Parish of All Saints in Atlanta. In June 1987, he was appointed as the first Franciscan Pastor for St. John Vianney Filial House. On January 27, 1988, Fr. Eugene suffered a heart attack and died in his sleep in the 50th year of his age, 32nd of his Profession and 24th of his Priesthood. The funeral rites were celebrated at St. John Vianney Church and at Corpus Christi Church in Buffalo, NY, where his brother, Fr. Gregory, preached the homily. On February 1, 1988, the mortal remains of Fr. Eugene were laid to rest in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York (Cemetery #2, "New Cemetery," Circle 3, Line 3, Grave 14.)

**Gravesite Details** Conventual Franciscan priest

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