

Rev. G.D. Burkardt, OSB

The **Rev. Gordian D. Burkardt, OSB, 59**, died Monday, April 15, 1985, in Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh.

He was born July 19, 1925, in Johnstown, a son of the late **David A. and Marie M. Russ Burkardt.**

Father **Gordian** was professed a Benedictine monk in 1946 and was ordained in 1952. Following his ordination, he was assigned to the faculty of James Barry-Robinson School, Norfolk, Va. He held this position until 1966, when he was named vice-rector of St. Vincent Seminary, Unity Township. In 1968, he was appointed assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Church, St. Marys, Pa., and a member of the faculty at Elk Christian High School there; he continued in those posts until 1975, when he became associate pastor of St. Gregory the Great Church, Virginia Beach, Va.

Suffering a stroke in 1976, he returned to St. Vincent Archabbey, where he has been in residence working part time in St. Vincent College administration offices.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Walter A. and James L.

He is survived by two brothers, **Monsignor Harold J.**, pastor of St. Mary Parish, Altoona, and **Donald R.** of Johnstown; one sister, **Sister Bernadette, SND**, of Washington, **D.C.**; his step-mother, **Mrs. Myrtle Burkardt** of Bradenton, Fla., and two step-sisters, **Vivian and Verta May.**

Viewing will be held from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and 2 to 5 and 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday in St. Vincent Archabbey, Unity Township.

Wake service will be held at 7:15 p.m. Thursday in St. Vincent Basilica.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday in St. Vincent Basilica.

Interment will follow in the **Benedictine Community Cemetery.**