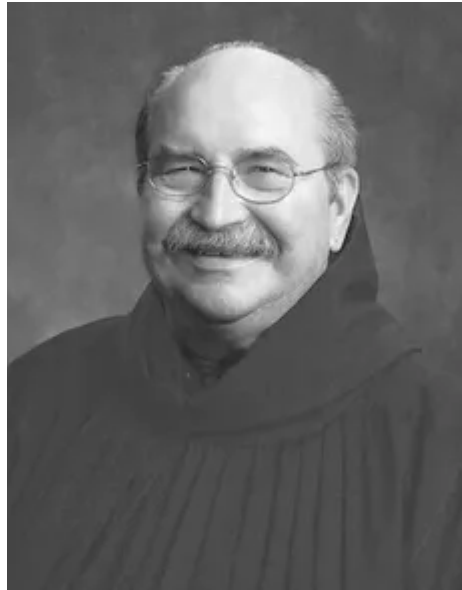


## Father Brennan Maiers Osb



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## Obituary

Charles Joseph Maiers was the 14th of 17 children born to Henry and Grace (McGraw) Maiers on April 27, 1936, in Stewart, Minnesota. His father managed the family farm, and his mother was a very busy homemaker. Charles completed his early education at Saint Boniface Parish School in Stewart (1942-1950) where Josephite Sisters from Crookston, Minnesota, encouraged him to pursue religious life. After graduating from the Saint John's Preparatory School, Charles began philosophy studies at Saint John's University. In 1956, he entered the novitiate at Saint John's Abbey, receiving the religious name of Brennan. Following his first profession as a Benedictine monk on July 11, 1957, Brother Brennan began studying for the priesthood and made his final monastic profession three years later. He was ordained a priest on June 1, 1963. After ordination, Father Brennan taught English and theology at Saint John's Preparatory School. From 1965-1968, Father Brennan was associate pastor at Saint Joseph Parish, Saint Joseph. He was then assigned to Saint Benedict's Parish in the Bronx, New York, from 1968-1976. Following his years at Saint Benedict's Parish, Father Brennan was appointed pastor at Saint Boniface Parish in Cold Spring, 1976-1983, where he oversaw the building of the new church, the remodeling of the old church as the parish center, construction of a new school, and the planning and remodeling of the Assumption Home. Father Brennan's next assignment was pastor of Saint Bernard's Parish in Saint Paul (1983-1990). From 1990-1996, Father Brennan served as chaplain at Saint Scholastica's Monastery in Duluth. However, his favorite ministry was with the prisoners in the Duluth Federal Prison. Father Brennan returned to Saint John's in 1996 and served as chaplain at Saint Raphael's Convent, Saint Benedict's Monastery, and Saint Scholastic Convent until 2002. During his retirement, Father Brennan helped in the abbey archives, gave church tours, drove monks to doctor appointments, and served as dispatcher for the abbey car fleet. Father Brennan was a gentle man of compassion and pastoral alertness. He is well noted and appreciated in his parish leadership for emphasizing Vatican II renewal in shaping communities of faith. Father Brennan died on 22 July in the retirement center at Saint John's Abbey. He is survived by Sisters Grace Marie and Gen Maiers OSB, Saint Benedict's Monastery, Saint Joseph; Theresa Kuttner, Stewart; Allan Maiers, Hutchinson; and the community of Saint John's Abbey. The monks, family, and friends will receive the body on Wednesday, 27 July at 7:00 p.m. and celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial for Father Brennan at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, 28 July, in Saint John's Abbey and University Church, with interment in the abbey cemetery. The service will be live-streamed at [www.saintjohnsabbey.org/live](http://www.saintjohnsabbey.org/live).

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