

Obituary

March 1, 1935 George Berthold was born in Lawrence, MA as the last son of Joseph Berthold and Laura Fluet. He began his elementary schooling at St. Joseph's School of the former St. Ann's Parish. He continued it under the Marist Brothers for grades 6 to 8 and graduated in 1949. For high school years, he was a student at Augustinian Academy, Staten Island, NY graduating in 1953.

George studied at Villanova University for 3 years before entering St. John's Seminary in Brighton, MA in 1957. Seminary studies led to a degree in theology as well as ordination to the priesthood by Richard Cardinal Cushing in 1963.

After services in several churches, he began studies at the Institut Catholique de Paris in theology, defending a doctoral thesis there in 1975. Back in the US, he began a teaching career at several area colleges, including nineteen years at St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH.

In 1985, he published a volume of some treatises of Maximus the confessor which he translated from the Greek. The recent handbook of Maximus the Confessor (Oxford University Press, 2015) contains a chapter from his pen. For some years, he was a member of the US dialogue between the Orthodox and Catholic Churches.

Fr Berthold's family members include his brothers, Raymond Berthold and Arthur Berthold as well as many nieces, nephews, friends and colleagues. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters, Henry Berthold, Irene Laird, Edward Berthold, Leo Berthold and Helen Peters.

Family and friends are invited to calling hours on Sunday March 15, 2020 from 2pm to 5 pm at the Dewhirst & Boles Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen, MA. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday March 16 at 11:00 am in St. Monica Church, 212 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA 01844. Burial will be in St Mary Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence. To leave an online condolence, please visit Fr. Berthold's tribute page at www.dewhirstbolesfuneral.com.

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CALLING HOURS

Sunday

March 15, 2020

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2:00 PM to 5:00 PM



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Dewhirst Boles Funeral Home and Cremation Service
80 Broadway
Methuen, MA 01844

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FUNERAL MASS

Monday

March 16, 2020

11:00 AM

St. Monica's Church

212 Lawrence St.

Methuen, MA 01844

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B

Borys Gudziak

August 25, 2021 4:55 PM

Thank you Father George. You are in my prayers. +Borys

[Comment](#)

J

Joeseeph Langley

November 26, 2020 11:59 PM

Ill never forget you when I served as an alterboy at St Joeseeph's Parish in Woburn. Id bet many of us haven't forgotten you. Its to bad you couldnt stick around. Id always wished our paths would have crossed one more time.

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D.T.**D**

July 4, 2020 2:57 AM

A brilliant translator and scholar! I continue to treasure a couple of personally-inscribed editions of his own works on Maximos to this day. I feel confident that he now reposes in our Lord.

 Comment**Elona K. Lucas****E**

March 17, 2020 3:32 PM

Father George was an excellent colleague at Saint Anselm and a great landlord at the apartment on Alsace Street in Manchester. He and I enjoyed many, many delicious meals and lively conversations together. The last few years were rough on him; the travails have now ended. Requiescat in pace.

 Comment**Jack Murphy****J**

March 15, 2020 9:19 AM

My condolences to Father Berthold's family. I had his as a teacher for a Theology class at St. Anselm College in '75 or '76 (thankfully I snuck by with only one). Brought up basically with the old Catechism of the Catholic Church, this class was all new to me. I wasn't prepared for the 'F' I got on the final, and he said he'd like to talk to me after class. I told him he could count on it; I wasn't a happy camper for sure. Explaining my answers and reasoning, one by one, he told me he understood and changed my grade to "A." While I never saw him again; I never forgot him either. He is now with Christ above, until we meet again. God Bless †

 Comment**Karen Conlon****K**

March 14, 2020 5:05 PM

Rest In Peace Uncle George. Thanks for bringing the family together in prayer for so many wonderful years. You will be missed.

 Comment**Carol Noucher****C**

March 13, 2020 1:23 AM

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Uncle George you were always there for me leading me to the Lord. You inspired me to be more than I thought that I could be. I will miss our going to Mass together and our laughter as we went down memory lane. I miss you very much . When you left you took a piece of my heart that can never be replaced. Rest joyfully in the arms of our Lord, Jesus. Your niece, Carol



A candle was lit in remembrance

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