

Obituaries

Brother Xavier, taught at Calvert Hall 35 yrs.

Brother Xavier Langan, a teacher for 35 years at Calvert Hall, died of heart and respiratory illnesses Friday at St. Joseph Hospital. He was 72.

A mass of Christian burial for Brother Xavier was being offered today at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 8501 Loch Raven Blvd.

Born in Carbondale, Pa., he joined the Brothers of the Christian Schools in 1935.

His first assignment was working with delinquent youths at the order's Philadelphia Protectory for Boys, just outside Philadelphia. He worked there until 1938, when he was assigned to teach at LaSalle Central High School in Philadelphia.

In 1942, Brother Xavier came to Calvert Hall. His affable, approachable manner enabled him to make friends quickly among the students, and he particularly looked after the freshmen.

"He took them under his wing. He wanted to make sure they adjusted to the difficulties of being a teen-ager," recalled Brother Lawrence Shine, assistant director at Calvert Hall.

Brother Xavier spent a decade teaching at the boys' school before being assigned to West Catholic High School in Philadelphia. He taught there until 1954.

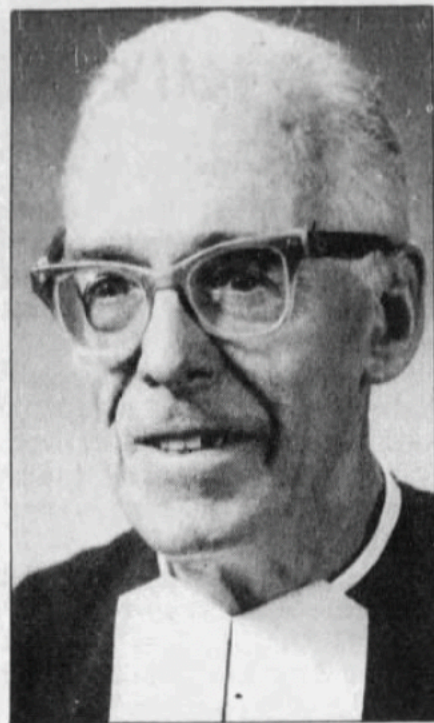
After stints at high schools in Pittsburgh and Cumberland, he returned to Calvert Hall in 1960 and began what was to become an uninterrupted 25-year tenure.

His duties included teaching business, history and religion. He also coached the school's golf team for many years. He loved all sports and could be seen at most school games, cheering for the players.

He had an easy-going manner and was known as "Brother X."

Brother Xavier retired from classroom work several years ago but continued to assist with office work and to be a confidant of students, Brother Lawrence recalled.

In 1982, he received an honorary doctorate from Loyola College for his service to Christian education. "He was the kind of teacher many people remember



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clearly all their lives," Brother Lawrence said.

He is survived by two brothers, John Langan of Carbondale and Walter Langan of Long Island, N.Y.; and two sisters, Evelyn Tolerico of Carbondale and Marguerite Kaylor of Narragansett, R.I.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggested that donations be made to the Brother Xavier Scholarship Fund, Calvert Hall College, Towson, Md. 21204.