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Rev Bertrand Jerome Brian

BIRTH 11 Feb 1918
Colesburg, Hardin County, Kentucky, USA

DEATH 13 Feb 2005 (aged 87)
Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky, USA

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Parents: Paul Jerome Brian and Mary Gertrude "Mayme" French.

The Courier-Journal, Tuesday, 2/15/2005.

Bardstown - BRIAN, REVEREND BERTRAND JEROME, 87, died Sunday, February 13, 2005 at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville. Rev. Brian was born on February 11, 1918, in Colesburg, Ky, to Paul Jerome Brian and Mayme Gertrude French. He was baptized on February 20, 1918, at St. Clare in Colesburg. He attended public school for eight years, and after a short interval in Louisville, entered St. Meinrad to finish his education and prepare for priesthood. Rev. Brian was ordained on June 3, 1950, and celebrated his first Mass at St. Clare, Colesburg. From 1950 until 1959, he was assistant pastor at Most Blessed Sacrament, and then was assistant pastor at St. Michael in Fairfield, while residing at Nazareth Motherhouse until 1961. He was administrator at St. Jerome in Fairdale from 1961 until 1963, when he became associate pastor at St. Thomas in Bardstown from 1967 to 1968, when he became pastor of Immaculate Conception in Culvertown, Ky, until 1980. From 1980 until 1988 he was the pastor of Saint Charles Parish in St. Mary, Ky. In 1988, he was anticipating retirement when Archbishop Kelly requested that he serve as parochial administrator at Hoily Cross Parish in Holy Cross, Ky. He became sacramental moderator in 1991 and gave up administrative duties. Rev. Brian finally retired to Nazareth Village in 1994, where he continued to serve the Nazareth Community celebrating Mass. He served as a member of the Priests' Senate for the archdiocese and was on the Board of Pastor-Consultants to the Record. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Ernest Garland Brian, Francis Vincent Brian, Joseph Donald Brian and Thomas Benjamin Brian; three sisters, Mary Josephine Hundley, Margaret Patricia Cooper and Elizabeth Ann Beeler; and one niece, Joan Hundley English. He is survived by three brothers, Joseph Emmanuel Brian and John Michael Brian, both of Louisville, and Joseph Carroll Brian of Cox's Creek, Ky; four sisters, Mary Winifred Sweat and Sister Johanna Brian, S. L., both of Louisville, and Mary Angela Booth and Mary Jane Beeler, both of Lebanon Junction, Ky.; 65 nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews also survive. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, at the Basilica of St. Joseph Proto Cathedral, officiated by Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly, O. P. Interment will be in the Nazareth Cemetery. Visitation will be held from noon-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Mann and Greenwell Funeral Home. Rev. Bill Medley will hold a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Additional visitation will be held at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday. Mann and Greenwell Funeral Home at 212 South Third Street, is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family through the website at [mannandgreenwell.com](#).
(abstracted by Dolores Bohn)