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Rev George Francis Maslar

BIRTH 6 Feb 1937
Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut, USA

DEATH 21 Dec 2021 (aged 84)
Lackawanna, Erie County, New York, USA

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Conventual Franciscan Priest

Fr. George Maslar 1937 – 2021

Born Francis John Maslar in Bridgeport, CT February 6, 1937 – Died December 21, 2021

Graduated from St. Michaels Grammar School 1950

Graduated from Fairfield Prep as an honor student June 1954

Before Graduating he thought he might want a career in the military so got in touch with the Senator for CT at the time and applied for West Point and he also considered becoming a priest. Our father was in the Army Ready Reserve at the time and thought of following in his foot steps but instead he decided to follow our Father who art in Heaven.

Entered Conventual Franciscan Novitiate in Becket, MA and became Friar George
Studied at St. Bonaventure Univ. Olean, NY BA in philosophy and made the Deans list
Studied at St. Hyacinth Seminary and College in Granby, MA in theology
Completed Theology at St. Anthony on Hudson Rensselaer, NY
Worked toward MA in English at St. Bonaventure Univ.
Ordained May 25, 1963 at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany, NY
Celebrated first High Mass in St. Michaels Church in Bridgeport, CT on June 2

He enjoyed Many assignments over the remaining years such as teaching at Kolbe High in Bridgeport, where his students loved his teaching style, and also headed up the golf club and the rifle club. His favorite assignment was the years he spent in Assisi Italy at the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. He was the English speaking guide while there and many people enjoyed his comprehensive tours. While he was there on September 26, 1997, he survived two earthquakes that day, unfortunately two priests who were his friends that were in the sanctuary after the first quake did not make it out when the second quake happened. Twice in his life he met world famous people. He had the chance to present an olive branch of peace to Pope John Paul II. He even got to meet Mother Teresa once and talked to her for hours. He said she was delightful and awesome. Another assignment was in Baltimore, MD where he enjoyed going to Orioles games and even took his nephew Brian there several times to see Cal Ripken play. I once had the opportunity to meet him in a parish out in the western end of PA where he served at a church there for a while. This is not a complete list but just some of the many places he went during his time as a Franciscan. He served as chaplain for the Knights of Columbus and Connecticut National Guard.

His last assignment was chaplain at the Bridgeport Health Rehab Center.

In summary he was a humble, devoted priest who was known for his powerful sermons. He was a loving big brother, compassionate to all he met, and loved sharing his inspiring knowledge in very thoughtful ways as only he could. Though English was his formal language, he also spoke Latin and Polish as secondary languages. His kindness was evident in everything he did and did it with a passion that was remarkable. We will miss your humor and puns, your ability to make the best of any situation and I know, everyone holds dear at least one special moment with you

A private graveside service was held for Fr. Maslar on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at St. Michael Cemetery, Stratford. He was laid to rest in the Priest Circle along side his fellow Franciscan Friars who passed before him. Donations may be made to St. Michael the Archangel Church in Bridgeport in loving memory of Fr. George Maslar.

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