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Br Harold John Lootens

BIRTH 18 Nov 1923
Taos, Cole County, Missouri, USA

DEATH 24 May 2014 (aged 90)
San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, USA

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Brother Harold John Lootens, S.M.

It has pleased God to call to Himself our BRO. HAROLD LOOTENS, S.M., on May 24, 2014, at the age of 90, the 66th year of his religious profession.

Bro. Harold was born in Taos, Missouri, in 1923, then moved to Jefferson City at the age of 18, where he was drafted into the army during World War II. With 7000 others, he sailed on the Ile de France for Europe, where he survived the Battle of the Bulge, and met Marianist military chaplain Fr. Stanley Kusman. Having learned the piano during high school, Bro. Harold resumed his musical career after the war at the Vienna Conservatory, thanks to the G.I. Bill. In 1946 he entered the Marianist novitiate in Galesville, Wisconsin, and professed perpetual vows six years later. With Masters degrees in both Theology and Counseling, Bro. Harold spent 45 years in high school ministry, primarily in Missouri. Throughout his life, however, his great passion was music. He was a concert-quality pianist, both classical and jazz, published several CD's, and played the organ for all community liturgies till the final year of his life.

A rosary will be recited at 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 28, in the Marianist Residence Chapel at St. Mary's University [San Antonio, TX]. The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered at 4:00 P.M., Thursday, May 29, in the same chapel. Interment will be at the Marianist Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri, on Monday, June 2, following an 11:00 o'clock Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of the Pillar Parish.

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Visitation at Our Lady of the Pillar Church, 401 S. Lindbergh Blvd., 63131, on Monday, June 2 from 10:00 am until time of Mass at 11:00 am. Interment Maryhurst Cemetery (on the grounds of Vianney H. S.), 1311 South Kirkwood Rd, 63122 following Mass.

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Bro. Harold was ... son of the late Peter and Clara Schlueter Lootens. His great passion was music. He was a concert-quality pianist, both classical and jazz, published several CD's, and played the organ for all community liturgies. He is survived by one sibling, Ruth Ann Rutledge and nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Carl Lootens, Loretta Zeilman, Louise Adrian, Roche Lootens and Virginia Breier.

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