



Rev. Albert J. McKnight, C.S.Sp.

August 18, 1927 - April 17, 2016

OBITUARY – REV. ALBERT J. MCKNIGHT, CSSp

Fr. Albert McKnight, C.S.Sp., a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, died peacefully April 17, 2016 at Marion Manor, Greentree PA. He was 88 years old.

Fr. McKnight was born August 18, 1927 in Brooklyn, NY. He professed his vows as a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit on August 15, 1947 at Holy Ghost Novitiate in Ridgefield, CT and was ordained to the Priesthood June 6, 1952 at St. Mary's Seminary, Ferndale in Norwalk CT.

Father was first appointed to St. Paul Church in Lafayette, LA. He then served for many years in various parishes in Louisiana including Our Lady of Lourdes, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Martin de Porres and Holy Ghost Parish. In 1969 he started and was president of the Southern Cooperative Development Fund. He was passionate about serving the black community and served on many national financial philanthropic and human rights committees including being the Executive Director of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus. He was a novice director in Texas for four years until he asked in 2005 to retire in Haiti to continue serving the poor. In 2012, Father returned to the Spiritans' retirement home in Casa Laval and was in residence at Our Lady of the Valley in Hemet, CA until he came to Libermann Hall in

Bethel Park, PA in 2015.

Fr. McKnight was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Althea Holmes McKnight and his sister, Mrs. Colleen McKnight. He is survived his brother Donald McKnight and sister, Brenda Hubbard and many nieces and nephews.

A service will be held in Opelousas, LA on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church at 11:00 AM. Burial will take place in Carencro, LA at Assumption Cemetery. On Friday, May 27, 2016, a prayer and eulogy service will be held in Holy Ghost Catholic Church from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

In memory of Fr. McKnight donations may be made to the Spiritans designated for retirement or for the educations of future Holy Spirit Fathers 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park PA 15102.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Assumption Cemetery

410 N. Michaud Street
Carencro, LA 70520

Previous Events

Service

MAY 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church
732 North Union Street
Opelousas, LA

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Albert J. McKnight, C.S.Sp.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Rip Father Mcknight the Broussard Family.*



Rose Broussard - May 24, 2016 at 10:12 PM



“ *Andrea Brisco lit a candle in memory of Rev. Albert J. McKnight, C.S.Sp.*



Andrea Brisco - May 02, 2016 at 06:27 AM



“ *Helen Carriere-crawford lit a candle in memory of Rev. Albert J. McKnight, C.S.Sp.*



Helen Carriere-crawford - April 26, 2016 at 07:13 PM

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“ VIRGINIA THOMAS lit a candle in memory of Rev. Albert J. McKnight, C.S.Sp.



VIRGINIA THOMAS - April 26, 2016 at 08:31 AM

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“ Tara Manuel lit a candle in memory of Rev. Albert J. McKnight, C.S.Sp.



Tara Manuel - April 25, 2016 at 08:20 PM

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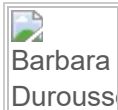
“ Father McKnight was to our generation what Dr. Martin Luther King was to to our parent's generation. His teachings and leadership in both the church and community played an instrumental part in the recreation of our individual and collective identities. He will be missed.

Felicia A. Chenier - April 25, 2016 at 12:52 PM

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He was one in a million. The best. He played a huge part in the community. Rest Fr. McKnight

gail young - April 25, 2016 at 07:10 PM



Barbara Durouss

RIP You will be missed I learned a lot from you. Thank You

Barbara Duroousseau - May 02, 2016 at 05:21 PM