

FATHER TERRY....A GENTLEMAN AND A SCHOLAR

As our community gathered for breakfast on October 9th, residents, employees and staff were in disbelief at the news that Father Terry had died the night before in Ottawa, Canada, where he was visiting family. Despite his failing health, little did we suspect that Father Terry's Mass of St Francis on October 4th would be the last time we would celebrate with him. Or that when he left for his vacation to be with family on October 5th we would not see him again.

Around the tables were echos of praise and gratitude: "I felt privileged to have known him." "Terry was kind and respectful." "Good humor." "Listened without judgment." "Offered objective advice." "The best neighbor a person could have." (Flora) "When Terry told you a story with a twinkle in his eyes he might be pulling your leg...usually he 'fessed up' to joking!"

Before becoming a Dominican Priest, Terry attended Loyola College in Montreal, Canada, where he majored in economics and minored in Latin. Katherine Conley: "While in college, he soothed an itch to travel by spending summers with the Canadian Navy which took him to Scotland, Amsterdam and other fascinating places."

"His first assignment as a Dominican priest was to Japan to attend a language school while spending weekends doing ministry work." (KC) His vocation allowed him to travel widely, absorbing languages, culture, customs of the people he met along the way. As Mary Liz expressed it: "Learning was a hobby and a way of life for him." Together Mary Liz and Terry experienced art exhibits, symphony and Sleeping Beauty Ballet. "Terry knew four languages including Russian. Hearing him interact with other attendees at the annual Russian Festival and Museum was an unexpected delight. As was his joy and laughter whenever he saw babies." (MLH)

Terry entered The Heritage July 15, 2016, at the urging of his good friend and resident Marion Morrison. He readily made himself at home among the residents and staff, taking an interest in getting to know our stories. He had a gentle manner which he brought to residents

who were ill in the hospital and health center. He became our resident priest when Father Ring was no longer able and assisted in the Masses of Anna Cappuro and Lois Grant.

Terry and Al Johnson spent many meals discussing philosophy, the church, politics, and current events. They collaborated on the construction of limericks which eventually were published by Al. Terry had a broad base of knowledge including classical music, musicians, literature, world history and events.

To Tony, Terry was a man for all seasons. Tony's most memorable reflection of Terry's kindness and caring was the night before his surgery. "Terry appeared at our door and anointed me with Holy Oils, stating he would keep me in his prayers. Terry was always there for all of our family at The Heritage on the Marina."

Yes. We have all been blessed by Terry's presence at The Heritage...even Bella.

A fitting close to our tribute to Father Terry in his own words: "Grace is present all around us if we but open our hearts and minds to the present moments of life and even of death."

