

## Father Aloys Fuhrmann

September 9th is the anniversary of the death of Father Aloys Fuhrmann. Vincent Fuhrmann was born in Lindsay, Texas, on July 8, 1920. He received his elementary and high school education in Lindsay, graduating with the class of 1938.

During World War II, he was inducted into the U.S. Air Corps in 1942 and served both in the United States and overseas in England for over two years. Discharged from the armed forces at the end of the war, he came to Subiaco. He professed his vows as a monk of our monastery on September 16, 1947, receiving the name Aloys. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Albert L. Fletcher at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Little Rock on December 8, 1953.

Father Aloys celebrated his first Mass at St. Peter's Church in Lindsay, Texas, on December 27, 1953. That same day his parents celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

After ordination Father Aloys fulfilled various monastic responsibilities at Subiaco and was regularly on call for special help or substitution work in parishes.

Later, Father Aloys became more fully involved in parochial ministry, serving as an assistant at St. Edward's Church in Little Rock from 1958 to 1959. He was then appointed assistant at St. Boniface Church in Fort Smith from where he went to St. Scholastica's Church in Shoal Creek as pastor from 1962 to 1967.

Thereafter, he assisted in various parishes, and for a time was an assistant at his home parish in Lindsay, Texas. Much of his life was marked by recurrent failures in health. While an assistant at Good Shepherd Church in Garland, Texas, in 1971, he learned that he had inoperable cancer. Father Aloys returned to Lindsay, Texas, to spend his final months in the care of family and friends.

In August, 1971, Father Aloys entered Gainesville Memorial Hospital in Gainesville, Texas, where he died on Thursday, September 9, 1971. A Mass was held at St. Peter's Church in Lindsay, on Saturday, September 11.

At the time of his death, Father Aloys was 51 years old and in the 23rd year of his monastic profession, the 17th of his priesthood. He is buried in our cemetery.

