



## Brother Peter Spence, O.S.B.

January 25, 1947 - December 5, 2016

Brother Peter Spence, O.S.B., age 69, a Benedictine monk of Marmion Abbey, Aurora, Illinois, died peacefully in the Lord on the afternoon of Monday, December 5, 2016. He is survived by members of his monastic community, his sisters Carol Shultz, Jane Cervantes and Mary Bernhard, and his brothers James, William, Michael, Joseph and John. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gerard and Beatrice (Meagher).

Brother Peter was born on January 25, 1947, and was baptized Gerard at Holy Name Church, New Rochelle, New York. In the 1950's his family moved to Algonquin, Illinois. After graduating from Marian Central High School in Woodstock, Illinois he earned a B.A. from Judson College, Elgin. From 1975 to 1977 he studied Theology at Sacred Heart School of Theology, Hales Corners, Wisconsin. For the next twenty-eight years, he supported himself in a variety of jobs including maintenance work in several Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Rockford. In 2005 Brother Peter entered Marmion Abbey, having discerned God calling him to monastic life. On July 11, 2006, he made temporary profession of vows. In July of 2009 he professed Solemn Vows as a monk of Marmion.

During his years as a Benedictine monk, Brother Peter was very faithful to Divine Office and Mass as well as to private prayer. He had a very strong work ethic. His work responsibilities included abbey maintenance and working on

the abbey Christmas tree farm as well as in the abbey gardens. He also remained interested in ongoing education, attending workshops and ongoing adult theological formation classes in the Diocese of Rockford. Throughout his life Brother Peter was an avid fisherman and sports fan. He enjoyed life in his monastic community and was well known for his keen wit, jokes and puns.

His monastic community and family will receive Brother Peter's body on Friday, December 9, at 4:00 P.M. Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. in the Abbey Church at 850 Butterfield Road, Aurora, Illinois. The Office of the Dead will be prayed at 6:30 P.M. Visitation will continue on Saturday, December 10, from 9:00 A.M. until the Mass of Christian Burial which will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. Burial will follow in the Marmion Abbey Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, IL 60506. (630) 631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Br. Peter's family.

# Cemetery Details

## Marmion Abbey Cemetery

850 Butterfield Rd.  
Aurora, IL 60502

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Marmion Abbey Church  
850 Butterfield Rd  
Aurora, IL 60502

## Funeral Mass

DEC **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Marmion Abbey Church  
850 Butterfield Rd  
Aurora, IL 60502

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The God of heaven will remember our dead loved ones and bring them back to the earth to enjoy life forever.*  
*Jo 5:28,29. Ps 37:11,29*

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**linda.** - December 09, 2016 at 08:58 AM

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“ *I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family. During this difficult time, God is near to those that are broken at heart, and those who are crushed in spirit He saves. Psalms 34:18*

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**DKing** - December 07, 2016 at 10:47 AM

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“ *Prayers for Brother, his family and the Benedictine Community especially during this time!*  
*Sr. Raphael Peregrine*

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**Sr. Raphael Peregrine** - December 07, 2016 at 06:36 AM