



## Fr. Mario Pedi, O.S.B.

November 2, 1926 - August 28, 2015

Father Mario Pedi, O.S.B., age 88, a Benedictine monk of Marmion Abbey, Aurora, Illinois, died peacefully in the Lord on August 28, 2015. He is survived by members of his monastic community, his brothers Roy (Patricia) and John (Roberta); his sister Marianne (George) Wohn; nieces Debbie Pedi, Beverly (Jim) Crupi, Laura (Joe) Ruddy, Kim Kane, Terrie Foster, Nicole Barzano; nephews Stephen Foster and Brian, David and Michael Wohn, as well as many great nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, Philip and Mary (Brocato), brothers Sal and Philip, and niece Virginia Wohn.

Father Mario was born on November 2, 1926, and was baptized as Stephen at St. Bernardine Parish, Forest Park Illinois. Upon graduation from Proviso High School in 1945 he studied at Loyola University and St. Procopius College. After entering Marmion Abbey in 1952, he professed his first vows and took the name of Mario in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He made his solemn monastic profession August 10, 1956 and was ordained a priest May 11, 1957.

From 1957 - 1971 Father Mario served at Marmion Military Academy as an instructor, commandant, and librarian. From 1968 – 1971 he served as Principal of the Lake Street Campus of the Academy. Beginning in 1971 Father Mario taught at Delbarton School, New Jersey (1971-73), Fieldstone School, New York City (1974-76), served as rector of St. Edward's Hall,

University of Notre Dame (1976-86). During his years at Notre Dame he was well known for his hospitality and for the personal contacts he maintained with students after graduation.

Father Mario served as pastor of Annunciation Church, Aurora, Illinois, from 1986 – 2009. As pastor he oversaw the restoration of the church's interior and added a number of new artistic works including a rendering of the Annunciation on the façade of the church and an outdoor Way of the Cross in the parish cemetery. He also introduced the celebration of the Luminary Mass in the cemetery each fall.

After his retirement from active ministry in 2009 he returned to Marmion Abbey. During his final years, Father Mario remained faithful to daily prayer with his monastic community and to his priestly pastoral ministry at local parishes.

Throughout his life, Father Mario deeply loved the priesthood and his monastic community. When living away from the abbey, he would always make a point to return there for retreats, funerals and other special events. He was noted as a man who liked a good joke, was very close to his family and had a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He will be deeply missed by his family, monastic community, parishioners and his many friends.

Father Mario's body will be received by his monastic community and family on Tuesday, September 1, at 4:00 P.M. Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. in the Abbey Church at 850 Butterfield Road, Aurora. The Office of the Dead will be prayed at 6:30 P.M. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, September 2, from 8:00 A.M. until the Funeral Mass which will be celebrated at 10:30 A.M. Burial will follow in the Marmion Abbey Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500 or visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com)

where you may leave condolences for Fr. Mario's family.

# Cemetery Details

## Marmion Abbey Cemetery

850 Butterfield Rd.  
Aurora, IL 60502

# Previous Events

## In State

SEP 1. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Marmion Abbey Church  
850 Butterfield Rd  
Aurora, IL 60502

## Wake Service

SEP 1. 6:30 PM (CT)

Marmion Abbey Church  
850 Butterfield Rd  
Aurora, IL 60502

## Funeral Mass

SEP 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

Marmion Abbey Church  
850 Butterfield Rd  
Aurora, IL 60502



# Tribute Wall

KB

“ I am a relative of Fr Mario. My Grandmother Rose Maggio was his mothers sister. When Mamma Rose passed Fr Mario came to the funeral. I was 13 yrs old and it was he who helped me understand death. I am now 55 yrs old. Fr. Mario said that when we are born into this world God blows our spirit into our body like a balloon and when we die from this world our spirit, like the air in a balloon goes back to God. That was most comforting to me at that time of my life and I never forgot his kindness explaining my Grandmothers passing that way. I know that he now knows how grateful I am for that. Thank you Fr. Mario and may you rest in the arms of Jesus forever, with Love.

Karolyn Maggio Broussard

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**Karolyn Maggio Broussard** - January 20, 2016 at 10:32 PM

MB

“ Dear Pedi Family, The 'Jimmy' Breen family extends its condolences and prayers to all of you. Fr. Mario, aka Steve to my Dad back in the day, was a special friend of our family. He married my parents in July 1957, just a few months after taking his vows in May. I wonder if this was his first wedding ceremony? I'm confident Fr. Mario and my Dad are together in heaven sharing stories of their time at Loyola University and look forward to the day when all the guys are together in heaven. Marianne Breen

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**Marianne Breen** - September 02, 2015 at 12:10 PM

PG

“ *Father Mario was what it meant to be a Catholic Priest in the true sense of what we as Cradle Catholics know it to be. His life brought many young Catholic men to the true meaning of Catholicism and did it in a fun and meaningful way. May you rest in peace and thank you for all of your good work here on earth, Father Mario. Pam (Cate) Gantz*

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**Pam Gantz** - September 02, 2015 at 10:46 AM

  
Edward  
Sellner

“ *Fr. Mario and I were in charge of St. Edward's Hall at Notre Dame for two years, before I moved off-campus to complete my doctoral dissertation. He was an extremely kind and wonderful man, loved by the students, always approachable and sympathetic. I will always remember what he brought those of us who lived in St. Ed's: love, affection, and himself a living example of Jesus the Christ. Ed Sellner, Professor Emeritus, Saint Catherine University, St. Paul, Minnesota*

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**Edward Sellner** - September 01, 2015 at 07:04 PM

NB

“ *3 files added to the album Family Photos*



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**Nicole Barzano** - September 01, 2015 at 03:12 PM

BC

“ *Father Mario impacted many lives. He was a great man and priest. I had the honor of serving and working with him as an RA at St Edward's Hall. He was devout, funny, wise and at times, even a bit irreverent. A great counselor. A great cook. He cared deeply for the students he served as rector. He had a profound impact on many lives, including mine. All Irish eyes are crying and smiling. Bill Corrigan, ND, '81*

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**Bill Corrigan** - September 01, 2015 at 07:44 AM

MS

“ *Father Mario was one of the best rectors on campus during the late 70's. He always had his door open for anyone for any issue. There was no better representative of Notre Dame than Mario. One happy memory of springtime at ND was Mario's bocce games played in shadow of the St. Edward statue besides the tulips. Maybe he is teaching the game to St. Edward right now. I will have a candle lit for him this weekend*  
*Michael Staub '78*  
*St Ed's Resident '74-'78*

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**Michael Staub** - August 31, 2015 at 10:14 PM

DR

“ *Fr. Mario was an amazing man, especially for a non-Catholic who came to Notre Dame and who was not overly enamored with going to church. I think by my senior year I was going to mass at least 3 times a week. He was very caring and a great listener, and he embodied the wonderful virtues of the University. Mario, you will be missed but definitely not forgotten! Dave Robinson, St. Eds '85*



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**Dave Robinson** - August 31, 2015 at 09:19 PM

TH

“ Father was my rector my senior year @ St. Ed's. I was the 3rd floor RA. Remember his big white Cock-a-too? He was to be our priest at our 1979 wedding in Fort Wayne but went right instead of left on US 30 ending up in Valpo instead. This was before cell phones & GPS. Rest in peace father & thanks for the memories. We will pray for you & your family daily.

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**Tim Hake** - August 31, 2015 at 06:44 PM

M'

“ Much of what I learned about living a Christian life in a Catholic community came from living in St. Ed's under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Mario. Kept in loose touch with him and made several visits over the years even after he left ND. Always great warmth in seeing him, and he said he counted his time with us at St. Ed's as among the best memories of his life.

*Michael Berberich, '79  
Galveston, TX*

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**Michael Berberich, '79** - August 31, 2015 at 05:43 PM

WV

“ I lived in St. Ed's Hall from 1976 through 1980. Fr. Mario was a great rector. Hhe was a good, kind and patient person. - Bill Vita

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**William Vita** - August 31, 2015 at 05:06 PM

TP

“ *Father Mario was a great guy who was extremely personable, and took a genuine interest in the residents of St. Ed's Hall.*



*He was a clergyman that everyone (whatever their religious convictions, if any) could relate to, and he had a fine sense of humor.*

*I also admired his patience and persistence, especially when he was trying to teach his often cranky pet cockatoo, "Gipper", to speak.*

*I have no doubt that Father Mario will be missed by all who were blessed to know him.*

*Rest in peace, Father Mario.*

*Tom Peck  
Class of 1977  
(St. Edward's Hall resident, 1973-1977)*

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**Tom Peck** - August 31, 2015 at 03:07 PM

LB

“ *I lived in St Ed's with Fr Mario as our rector from 1983-1986. I attended his daily mass for all of that time. He and Fr. Hesburgh were the finest priests I ever met. God bless this great and good man. Lou Brenner, ND '87 & '90.*

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**Lou Brenner** - August 31, 2015 at 02:53 PM

BY

“ *Father Mario PEDI was one of the best people I have met in my lifetime. I remember when I was a Sophomore at Notre Dame, I had a head injury and was in intensive care for a week. Father Mario was at my side daily and reassured my parents I was in good hands. What a lovely man! He lives on in our memories. My deepest sympathy at this most difficult time. Bob Yonchak. University of Notre Dame Class of 1983*

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**Bob Yonchak** - August 31, 2015 at 02:45 PM

BM

“ *Like St. Benedict himself, who helped preserved Western civilization during the dark ages, Father Mario did his best to civilize the young men of St. Ed's with love, with wisdom, and with his example. God bless this good man and fine monk. Bill McGurn, ND '80*

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**Bill McGurn** - August 31, 2015 at 02:11 PM

MA

“ *We have such wonderful memories of Fr. Mario and send our condolences, prayers and gratitude for his life.*

*Toni and Mary Fox*

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**Mary** - August 31, 2015 at 12:45 PM

D'

“ A very good man with a wry and quick sense of humor, Fr. Mario was a favorite of many of the Marmion Lake Street cadets in the mid-60s. (We now all happen to be in OUR mid-60s, and beyond.) As the school librarian at the time, "Mario"--as we enjoyed calling him--would occasionally provide "sanctuary" in the air-conditioned library to students needing escape from some mandatory class or activity. That mildly conspiratorial aspect of his personality endeared him to us.

*My condolences to the family, and to the Marmion community.*

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**Dan Fox, Marmion '65** - August 31, 2015 at 10:46 AM

DF

*A function of this form, "Dan Marmion" is Dan Fox*

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**Dan Fox** - August 31, 2015 at 10:48 AM

WT

“ Wanda Trentt lit a candle in memory of Fr. Mario Pedi, O.S.B.



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**Wanda Trentt** - August 30, 2015 at 08:57 PM

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**Lynn & Scott Cassidy** - August 30, 2015 at 05:56 PM

SC

*He always made us smile. Your laugh was infectious. We love you Fr. Mario----you made us a better sacramental family! ---Ave, Paul, McKenna, Lynn & Scott Cassidy*

scott cassidy - August 30, 2015 at 06:10 PM

TB

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Thomas Bogen - August 29, 2015 at 08:23 PM

AC

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Andy Cier - August 28, 2015 at 03:56 PM