



Father Luke Marion Kot

August 3, 1911 - January 9, 2014

Trappist Monk Luke Kot, OCSO (1911-2014)

Father Luke Marion Kot, 102, monk of the Cistercian (Trappist) Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Georgia died peacefully in the company of his brothers on Thursday evening January 9, 2014 in the monastery infirmary. The burial service at the celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday January 13, 2014 at 9:00AM in the monastery church. Fr. Luke was the last surviving member of the 20 founding monks who came to Conyers, Georgia in 1944 to build a Trappist monastery. He was blessed with the gift of 76 years in religious life, 66 years as a priest when the Lord called him. Father Luke was the oldest monk of the worldwide Cistercian Order (OCSO). Father Luke was born on August 3, 1911 in Great Falls, Montana. When he was two years old, the family moved to Niagara Falls, New York where he spent his childhood. Fr. Luke was preceded in death by three sisters: Stella Beebe, Julia (David) Cahill, and Helen Rose (George) Truesdale. He is survived by 6 nephews and 6 nieces.

Fr. Luke served the monastery for many years as secretary. He also served his brothers as tailor for 50 years. The last 2 years of his life, until he became ill, he served at the new welcome center welcoming visitors while making

rosaries that were sold at the gift store.

Condolences and donations may be sent in Father Luke's memory to:

The Monastery of the Holy Spirit, 2625 Highway 212, SW, Conyers, GA
30094-4044

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

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“*Father Luke was in my life from the time I was born. I was his name sake and I was blessed to have spent time with him at the monastery at many time in my life. Father Luke was a gentle soul, a gentle priest and the toughest, strongest man I have ever know. He was able to build my faith in Christ, in the church and in myself. His smile was so genuine and he was, for a simple man, so incredibly unique and beautiful. I was able to attend his 100th Birthday party and his funeral. Both celebrations were a lesson in life for me. The joy he gave and accomplishments he achieved and in his passing he brought more smiles than tears simply because of the faithful man he was. I knew the peace and rest he found in death was so well earned.*

Father Luke and his memory will live on in me and my family and beyond.

To my faithful friend and priest, I hope that one day when life on earth has passed away, that I may see your smile again in heaven. Until then, I will spend my days showing my respect and love in the way I attempt to live.

Thank you for everything! ❤️

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