

Br. Martin (Herbert, George or Bernard) FOWLER 75 USA TZA

\* March 13, 1909 Chicago

+ Nov. 10, 1984 Sarasota FL

He grew up in his native Chicago, where he graduated from High School and attended the American Academy of Art, 1927-29. He then worked for a living, i.a., at the US Steel and Wire Co. of Battle Creek, while also being a zealous member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Holy Name Cathedral parish.

Mobilized as a soldier, he spent five years in the service, which took him all over the Pacific, including the fighting in Guadalcanal and Luzon. During his years in the army, he experienced a strong desire to join the religious life. Once discharged, he applied to the Congregation. Accepted late in 1945, he went to Ridgefield, where he made his profession Aug. 22, 1948.

His first appointment sent him a St. Emma Academy, Powhatan, VA, in 1948. In 1953 his desire to go to Africa could be fulfilled and he sailed for Kilimanjaro on the SS United States. He served there for sixteen years in various locations, taking a leave only once in South Africa.

In bad health, he returned to the USA where he spent some time in Ridgefield and then in Ferndale, still trying to make himself useful. In 1975 he went into retirement at Sarasota, FL, where he died nine years later of Parkinson's disease in a nursing home. Interment took place in the Sharpsburg community cemetery.

Throughout his life he continued to practice the charity which had typified him before he entered the Congregation.

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