



Father Richard McGuire, O.C.S.O

Born: June 22, 1926
Omaha, Nebraska

Entered Mepkin: January 2, 1952

Solemn Profession: April 29, 1954

Ordained a priest: March 13, 1957

Born into eternal life
May 24, 2020



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Feast of the Ascension of the Lord.

Shortly after midnight, Father Richard Mc Quire, O.C.S.O., died at Mepkin Abbey. His death came a little more than a week after he fell and broke his leg. He had been taken to the hospital and came home to us but with his frail health could not regain his strength. Father Richard was 94 years old. On January 2, 1952 he had travelled from Nebraska to enter Mepkin Abbey.

Over the years, he had served the community in many ways, among them were sacristan, Prior for a good number of years and then in 1994 he was named chaplain to our sisters in Ecuador at Our Lady of Hope in Esmeraldas. He fulfilled that service for 25 years providing for the spiritual needs of the sisters and teaching classes in their program of formation for the many new women who entered through that time.

Father Richard returned to Mepkin in November of 2018 due to poor health. He was assigned a room in the Senior wing of the monastery and lived there until his death. In the last few weeks of his life he was cared for by Brother Juan Fahrner and Brother Paul DeWeese. He had fallen and broken his leg and was hospitalized for surgery to repair the break. On returning to the monastery, he was quarantined with the two monks as caregivers to safeguard the community against Covid-19, in case he might have contracted the virus while in the hospital.

He died peacefully in the quiet of the night on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord.