

Rev. H. Eugene Hillman, C.S.Sp., Ph.D.

Rev. H. Eugene Hillman, C.S.Sp., Ph.D., 84, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit died Wednesday, August 05, 2009.

Fr. Hillman was born November 2, 1924 in Boston MA. He professed his vows August 15, 1945 at Holy Ghost Novitiate, Ridgefield CT and was ordained to the Priesthood September 15, 1950 at St. Mary's Seminary, Ferndale, Norwalk CT.

In 1951 he was first appointed to East Africa where he served for 18 years in the missions of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Africa and Zambia. He attended Vatican Council II as a guest of Misereor Foundation in 1965, an Agency that promotes development, fights worldwide poverty and injustice worldwide. Beginning in 1974 his teaching career spanned over 25 years at the Institutes of the University of San Francisco, St. John's, NY, Yale Divinity School, Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Maryknoll School of Theology, 12 years at Salve Regina University which included the U.S. Naval War College at Newport RI, Nairobi's Institute for Development Studies and finally Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies.

Fr. Hillman was the recipient of many fellowships and awards and author of numerous books and articles especially in the fields of Missiology, Ecclesiology and Social Ethics. He retired to the Spiritans retirement home in Sarasota FL in 1999 and has been a resident of Libermann Hall, Bethel Park since 2005.

Survivors include his brother John and sister, Dorothy Hillman, of Newport RI and his sister Mary Jane Saunders of East Falmouth MA and several nieces and nephews.

There will be viewing at The Spiritan Center, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park PA on Monday, August 10th from 8:30 – 10:30 AM followed by Mass of Resurrection. Burial will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery, O'Hara Township, Pittsburgh PA

In memory of Fr. Hillman donations may be made to the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, 6230 Brush Road, Bethel Park PA 15102 designated for the education of Maasai children in Fr. Hillman's former mission schools in East Africa.