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BROTHER PHILIP MORGAN, FSC – CBU EDUCATOR FOR 48 YEARS

Brother Philip Morgan, FSC, who first joined the Christian Brothers University faculty in 1954, died on Monday, December 30, 2002, at St. Peter Villa.



Brother Philip was born in Chicago, IL, in 1919, the son of Thomas and Mary Corrigan Morgan. Four of the boys in the family joined the De La Salle Christian Brothers. In 1956, their parents, Thomas and Mary, were honored by the Christian Brothers when they were presented with Letters of Affiliation, the Brothers' highest honor.

Brother Philip graduated from St. Mary's University, Winona, MN, in 1941 and began his teaching career at Price College, Amarillo, TX, and St. Patrick High in Chicago, IL, before his assignment to CBU. His first year in Memphis, after pursuing course work at Illinois Institute of Technology, was spent in teaching electrical engineering courses and in developing the labs. This was the beginning of CBU as an engineering school. The following year he continued his studies in electrical engineering at Technische Hochschule in Darmstadt, Germany. Upon his return to CBU he assumed the duties of Chairman of the Engineering Department of CBU and was Chair of the Memphis Chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

Brother Philip's life was one of service to others. The many honors and awards that he received through the years highlight his care, concern and service to his students and to the many organizations to which he was a member. The CBU Alumni citation in 1991 mentioned that few faculty members had brought as much recognition and prestige to CBU as Brother Philip. He was cited for his selection by IEEE as the "Featured Engineer of 1965"; the "Outstanding Engineer of Memphis Award 1975"; a top ten "IEEE Outstanding Branch Counselor, 1978"; and the "IEEE Centennial Medal, 1984."

Several generations of students have passed through Brother Philip's classes through the years. At his golden jubilee ceremony in 1987, Brother Philip told the gathering that of all the activities with which he was involved in his assignment at CBU, including Vice-President of Student Affairs and Dean of Men, he enjoyed the classroom most of all. He mentioned that "seeing the lights go on when a student understands a concept" gives him the real joy that only teachers can explain. He mentioned also that he was strengthened in his teaching by his Christian Brothers Community – "especially by their companionship, sincerity, and their care for one another."



Brother Philip is survived by his sister, Monica Quattrocki, of Chicago, and two brothers, Br. Regis Morgan of Romeoville, IL, and Lawrence of Bridgetown, Missouri.

The wake will be at CBU's Stritch Chapel (2455 Avery) on Thursday, January 2nd, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Mass of Resurrection will be at the Christian Brothers Chapel, Lambert/Stritch Hall, on

Friday, January 3rd, at 10 a.m. A Memorial Service is being scheduled for the CBU community when the faculty and students return from vacation. For more information and directions, please contact the Brothers' Residence at (901) 321-3515.

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