



Brother Anselm Hollingsworth, O.S.B.

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Brother Anselm Hollingsworth, O.S.B., died on 11 December at Our Lady of Wisdom Healthcare Center in Algiers. He was born on 6 July 1933, the only son of William R. Hollingsworth, Jr., and Jane Oakley Hollingsworth. He grew up in Jackson, MS, where his father was a noted painter, watercolorist and illustrator. He inherited his father's name and his talent as a cartoonist. His major talent was as a self-taught pianist with a gift for jazz improvisation, who, as a young man, headed his own dance band.

He grew up in a Baptist household, but as a youth he became an Episcopalian and was received into the full communion of the Roman Catholic Church at the age of 24. He entered Saint Joseph Abbey and made profession as a monk on 29 August 1960. He was well known to visitors during his many years as the Abbey's principal porter; he was known to a much broader circle as an amateur radio operator who kept in touch with other operators throughout the world. He also served in various capacities in the business offices of the Abbey and Seminary College. For almost 40 years, he was the local climatological observer, regularly reporting to the National Weather Service as well as to local news outlets. He served as secretary to two abbots. He was one of the community's regular accompanists at liturgy, and he wrote a sizable body of music that is a part of the Abbey's musical patrimony. He was an avid naturalist and, as long as his health permitted it, he took several long walks on the Abbey grounds every week, becoming closely acquainted with the wildlife of field and forest. He was especially influenced by the writings of Thomas Merton, and he died during the centennial year of Merton's birth.

He was a model of monastic observance to his brothers, and he was noted for his ready humor. The community will receive his body at Vespers on Wednesday 16 December at 5:30 p.m. A Funeral Vigil will be held at 7:15 that evening, and the Mass of Christian Burial will follow on Thursday 17 December at 11:15 am.



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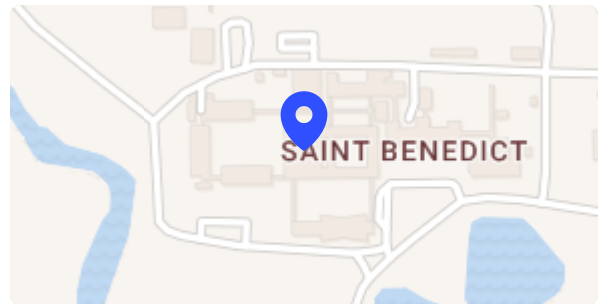
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Vespers

 **Wednesday**, December 16, 2015

 5:30 PM CT


 **St. Joseph Abbey**
75376 River Rd., St Benedict LA 70457

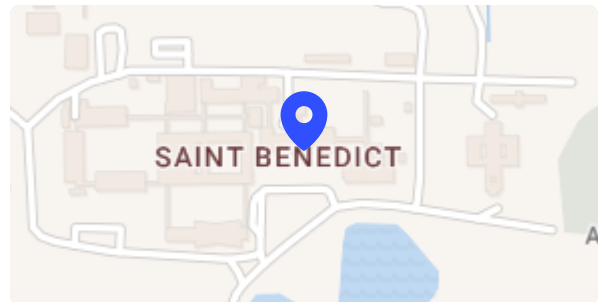


Funeral Vigil

 **Wednesday**, December 16, 2015

 7:15 PM CT


 **St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery**
75376 River Rd., Saint Benedict LA

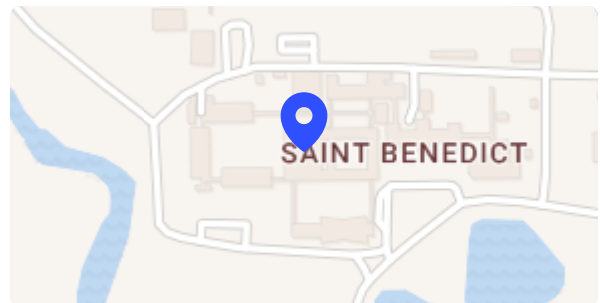


Funeral Mass


 **Thursday**, December 17, 2015

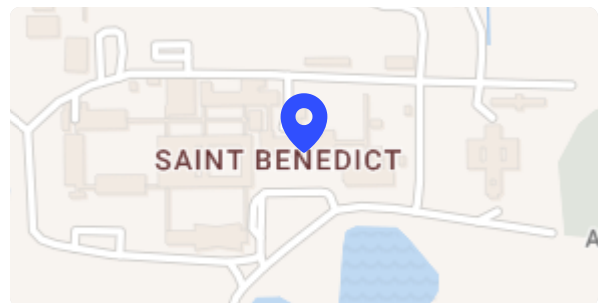
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Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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Terri Creel Tolbert posted:

Brother Bill as I knew him since I was a young child was a wonderful friend to all who knew him. He and my dad were friends for 50 years and was the best friend my dad had and the longest friendship as well. He will miss him dearly as will I. He knew so many people through his ham radio hobby as well those in the community. Terri Creel Tolbert

December 19 at 2:19 PM



Callista Abide posted:

My siblings and I called him "Uncle Billy" as we knew him from growing up in Jackson, MS. He was a dear childhood friend to our mother, Frances Bennett Buckley. He came to our house often to laugh, sing, and play the piano. We felt close to him. Heaven - make room on the piano bench- Billie and Frances have some singing to do!

December 15 at 3:22 PM



Brian Morgan posted:

Requiescat in pace.

December 15 at 8:11 AM



Richard Reed posted:

Bro Anselm was such a great person. He was always one of the first people to greet me, with his pleasant smile. He had the ability to make you smile, just, with his presents. He will be sadly missed. Richard Reed

December 14 at 9:51 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Anselm by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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