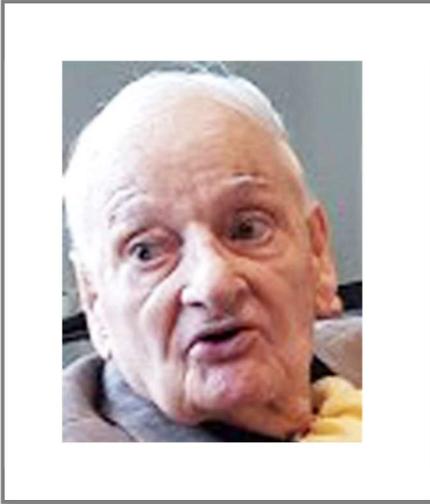


Brother Robert Michel BEC

1924-2020



Brother Robert Michel Bec, the son of François Bec and Antoinette Mercuriol, was born on 6 March 1924 in Mozac (Puy de Dôme). He entered the Order of Camillians at Niderviller on 13 October 1952. He then became a postulant on 6 January 1953 and began his novitiate on 7 September of the same year, in Lyons.

He donned the Camillian habit on 7 September 1953 in Lyons. He took his first religious vows on 8 September 1954 in Lyons and took his perpetual vows on 8 September 1957, once again in Lyons.

During his religious life he exercised various ministries and had various positions:

- He was the general supervisor of the activity of the *Aérium* in Niderviller from 8 September 1954 to 1 January 1960.
- He was a nurse caring for elderly people at the *Maison Mahaut d'Artois* (today the *Etablissement d'Hébergement de Personnes Agées Dépendantes - EHPAD*) '*Saint Camille*', with the additional position of being a financial administrator, *factotum*, in Arras from 1 January 1960 to 5 February 1964.
- He was the substitute financial administrator at Théoule for month.
- From 1965 to 1990 he was a generous *factotum* involved in the maintenance and cultivation of the park, gardens and orchards of the old people's home in Lyons.
- In 1990 he retired because of his age but remained a member of the community of Lyons.
- In 2013 he was admitted to the '*Saint Camille*' EHPAD of Lyons and stayed there until his death which took place during the night of 12 May 2020.

During his long life Br. Robert was very open and ready to help his neighbour, above all with those who shared his own passions: fishing and hunting, gardening and do-it-yourself.

He was a great lover of nature and animals and took great care of both. Endowed with a spontaneous propensity for 'manual work', he had a talent for plumbing and mechanics, etc.

Physically weakened in recent years, Brother Robert is remembered as a man of prayer who was humble, respectful, ready to help and hard-working.

Because of the health-care rules connected with the *Coronavirus* pandemic, a period of prayer with his confreres of the E.H.P.A.D. will take place on 13 May 2020, followed by his burial in the tomb of the Camillian religious in Lyons.

Let us remember him in our prayers!