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Brother Lawrence Boll, S.M., Dies at 87.

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DAYTON, Ohio, July 31, 1972 -- Brother Lawrence Boll, S.M., who would have been a member of the Society of Mary for 71 years on August 25, died quietly today in his sleep at the University's Gosiger Health Center. He had been ill several months and confined to the Center for the past four weeks.

The native Daytonian, who was a member of St. Mary's Parish on the east side, would have been 88 years old on October 3.

Despite his 87 years in 1971, Brother Boll, who was an English professor and known for his poetry, taught a UD junior class in Dante, which is a comprehensive study of the three Canticles of the Divine Comedy; Inferne, Purgatorio and Paradiso. He fully retired following that assignment in the second semester of the 1971-72 school year.

Brother Boll had been honored several times in the past few years. In 1967, the University administration renamed the Kennedy Union theater, The Boll Theater, upon the recommendation of students and faculty. A special program was conducted in Brother Larry's honor. Following the official program, Brother Boll sat on the stage and recited poetry and passages from the great writers. He received a standing ovation from the overflow house.

The University, in 1971, conferred the title of Professor Emeritus of English upon him and conducted a celebration in honor of his 70th year in the Society of Mary.

Brother Boll spent 35 of his 69 teaching years at the University of Dayton. His first UD assignment was in 1918. He again served in 1919-20, 1926-33, 1939-40 and then from 1947 until his 1971 retirement. Other assignments were in Erie, Pa., Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Cleveland, and Sioux City, Iowa. He taught at all levels of education from elementary to college graduate.

Brother Boll was the dean, in point of service, of the Marianists who are assigned to the University of Dayton. He was the last of those men who served the University at the turn of the century.

The viewing will be from 4 P.M. to 9 P.M. on Wednesday in the Alumni Hall Chapel. A 10 A.M. Mass of the Resurrection will be concelebrated Thursday with Rev. William Ferree, S.M., Provincial, Cincinnati Province, Society of Mary, as the principal celebrant in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. Burial will be in the Queen of Heaven Cemetery at the Bergamo Center.

Brother Boll leaves two sisters, Mrs. Edith Brun of Dayton and Mrs. Antoinette Tripbach of Columbus.