

9-30-1985

## Former UD Board Chairman Marianist Provincial Dies

Follow this and additional works at: [https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news\\_rls](https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news_rls)

---

### Recommended Citation

"Former UD Board Chairman Marianist Provincial Dies" (1985). *News Releases*. 4607.  
[https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news\\_rls/4607](https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news_rls/4607)

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Marketing and Communications at eCommons. It has been accepted for inclusion in News Releases by an authorized administrator of eCommons. For more information, please contact [frice1@udayton.edu](mailto:frice1@udayton.edu), [mschlangen1@udayton.edu](mailto:mschlangen1@udayton.edu).

7JA(1)

**FORMER UD BOARD CHAIRMAN,  
MARIANIST PROVINCIAL DIES**

DAYTON, Ohio, September 3, 1985 -- Reverend William J. Ferree, S.M., Ph.D., former University of Dayton Board of Trustees Chairman and Provincial of the Cincinnati Province of the Society of Mary, died August 30 shortly before midnight at Miami Valley Hospital. He was 80 years old and died of a heart-related condition.

In addition to serving as Assistant to the Superior General in General Administration in Rome, from 1956-1966, Father Ferree also served as the international chaplain for Pax Romana, the international university Catholic student organization, in the late 1950's.

Father Ferree served as president of Chaminade University in Honolulu, Hawaii, and the Catholic University of Puerto Rico, Ponce, Puerto Rico. In 1968, he became the Provincial of the Cincinnati Province of the Society of Mary, and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at UD.

Father Ferree is the author of five books, as well as numerous articles in various social justice and education areas. Recently, he was involved in research at UD, in the areas of religious life problems and the contemporary vocation crisis.

A native of Dayton, Father Ferree took his vows in the Society of Mary on August 15, 1925. He was ordained in March, 1937, in Fribourg, Switzerland. The year 1985 marked his 60th year as a member of the Society of Mary. He also holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and a degree in Education from UD.

Among Father Ferree's survivors is a sister, Miss Leonora Ferree, of Dayton.

The viewing will take place today from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the University of Dayton's Alumni Hall Chapel. The Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 6:45 p.m. in the University's main chapel, the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Internment will then follow immediately after Mass at Queen of Heaven Cemetery at Mount St. John/Bergamo.