



Robert Ambrose "Bob" Fallon

November 9, 2013

Robert Ambrose "Bob" Fallon, age 82, died peacefully with his daughter Mary at his side, Saturday, November 9, at Fairview Southdale Hospital. He was born in Hutchinson, MN, to Ambrose and Marie (Waldron) Fallon. Preceded in death by his parents, sister Margaret, and brother Donald. Survived by his wife of 43 years Helen (Halliday), daughter Mary, son-in-law William Skarstad, and two grandchildren, Murphy and Frances. Bob led a life of calm, dry-witted spirituality, compassion, and achievement. He entered the Christian Brotherhood as a teen, attended St. Mary's of Winona (B.A.) and DePaul University in Chicago (M.Ed.), ultimately earning a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. Bob championed education as a profession: from high school principal to district superintendent (MN, SD, and IN) to an Indiana state education director. In 1970, Bob gave up his religious habit to the Christian Brothers, forgoing priesthood, and married Helen Halliday; a year later, their daughter Mary was born; and he warmly embraced life as a devoted, loving husband and father. For the next 43 years, Bob developed lifelong friendships as strong as family among the communities he served as superintendent and in retirement in Green Valley, AZ, and Bloomington, MN. He will be greatly missed and eternally admired.

Funeral Mass will be held at Nativity of Mary Church, 9900 Lyndale Ave. S., Bloomington, MN 55420, at 10:00 a.m., Friday, November 15. Visitation will be held for one hour prior with a luncheon following the service. In lieu of flowers,

memorial contributions may be made in memory of Robert A. Fallon to the Washburn Center for Children (2430 Nicollet Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55404).