

Death of Brother John Long, C.Ss.R., Esker

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It is with sadness that we announce the death at 3.30am this Sunday morning, June 30th, 2019, of our Redemptorist confrere, Brother John Long. He passed away peacefully here in his Esker community. May his soul rest in peace.

Funeral arrangements: Reposing in Esker Monastery from 4pm to 7.30 pm Monday July 1st: removal to Esker Church at 7.30pm. Funeral Mass Tuesday July 2nd at 12 noon, with burial afterwards in the Esker Community Cemetery.

Brother John recently turned 96 years of age. Born May 22nd, 1923, in Maree, near Oranmore, he was always proud of his Galway roots. John came as a postulant Brother to Cluain Mhuire, in April 1949.

He received the Redemptorist habit in November 1949, and was professed November 26, 1950. Brother John spent most of his years tending the farms, between Esker and Cluain Mhuire in Wellpark in Galway. He spent some time also in Limerick, in Dundalk, and for a short while in Dublin. He was always a most willing confrere, ready to turn to anything that needed to be done. A man of deep faith and prayer, he was a jovial man and a great confrere to live with, engaging easily with those around him. John was particularly well known all around the area of Esker Monastery. We hand him back to the Lord who called him from his earliest days, and we give thanks for his life and presence among us, 'living a life of love' as a Redemptorist Brother in the tradition of St. Gerard Majella. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis!.

