

# Death Notice

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Saturday, 23 May 2015



## **Brother Martin de Porres [Richard] Schmitt, O.F.M. Cap.**

We offer our prayers for the repose of the soul of our brother **Martin de Porres Schmitt, O.F.M. Cap.**, who died this morning, May 23, 2015 at 11:45 a.m. [Japan Time] in Okinawa, Japan at the age of 91.

Date of birth	February 22, 1924
Investiture	December 7, 1952
First Profession	December 8, 1953
Perpetual Profession	December 8, 1956

Arrangements to follow

Dear Brothers and Friends,

I have been asked by our Custos, Br. Claver to inform you that Br. Martin de Porres Schmitt passed on to his eternal reward earlier this morning, (May 23, 2015, 11:45 AM Japan Time) after a long illness.

About a week ago he suddenly lost consciousness and his blood pressure fell to a very low level. The doctors decided that his body could no longer absorb either nutrients or medicine - so all medicine etc. was stopped. To the doctors astonishment, on the second day his blood pressure rose once again and he was able to communicate. For three more days he saw many people and gave each of them a big smile.

Then once again he began to fail. He was surrounded each day by people who loved him. All the friars took turns caring for Martin. He was ready for heaven.

Arrangements are still pending. We ask that you remember Br. Martin in your prayers, his family, and all of the friars of the Custody of Japan.

God Bless you all,  
Fr. Wayne

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