



Dr. Robert John Garrity

March 6, 1931 - January 27, 2012

Dr. Robert John Garrity, 80, of Rensselaer, IN passed away Friday January 27, 2012 at the Jasper County Hospital. Robert was born March 6, 1931 in Pittsburgh, PA to John & Ann (Kelly) Garrity. Robert graduated from Central Catholic in Pittsburgh with the class of 1949. He then attended La Salle University graduating in 1953 with a B.A. His first M.A. was from La Salle University in 1954. In 1957 he married Gloria Giegerich in Pittsburgh, PA who survives. His second M.A. was from Duquesne University in 1962. His PhD was from Duquesne University in 1964. He then obtained another M.A. from Purdue University in 1983. Robert also taught while serving for two years with the U.S. Army while also teaching high school English and German in Canton, OH. From 1958-1964 Robert taught Philosophy at Duquesne University. From 1964-1972 he was the professor of Philosophy and the associate Dean at the College of Steubenville. From 1972-1984 he was the Vice President for Academic Affairs for Saint Joseph College. From 1984 until December of 2011 Robert was a Professor of Philosophy and English at Saint Joseph College. Robert was a member of Saint Augustine Catholic Church. He is survived by: five children: Robert Jr. (Suze) Garrity-Plymouth, IN, Judith (Kevin) Kaufman-Rensselaer, IN, Kathleen (Tom) Mangel-Valparaiso, IN, Patricia (Joe) Grant-Bloomington, IN, & Michael (Missy) Garrity-Rensselaer, IN, nineteen grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and his sister Dorothy (Kevin) Ranaghan-South Bend, IN. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, & two sisters. Memorials may be made to Saint Augustine School,

Saint Jude, or Jasper County Hospital Home Health Care and Hospice. There will be a Rosary service Tuesday at 7:00PM.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery - Rensselaer

Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Service

FEB 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
318 North McKinley Avenue
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5351
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity



Jackson Funeral Chapels - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Regrettably, I only just learned of Bob Garrity's passing four and one-half years ago. He was the best teacher I ever had anywhere at any level - and I had some fine ones. He was so fine a teacher of Logic at Duquesne University in 1961 that I signed up without hesitation for his Ethics course the next semester. It was even more incisive and rewarding. He had a gift that was off the chart. I located and wrote to him a few years ago. He responded very courteously, though it was clear that he could not, thousands of students later, remember me in particular. (Why would he?!) I remember hanging on his every word in class about what he enjoyed reading (I immediately started working my way through the novels of Thomas Hardy) and ways in which his baby son in a highchair gave him insights into human behavior. I never had a one-on-one conversation with him (possibly a remark or two after class), but I've been referring to him for half a century. God bless you, Bob. Pray for all of us you let behind in your shadow. - Ed Blank, Pittsburgh PA.

Ed Blank - July 14, 2016 at 08:58 PM

CG

“ *Cindy And Art Green lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Cindy And Art Green - February 02, 2012 at 08:15 AM

JS

“ *Jim Steiner lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Jim Steiner - February 02, 2012 at 07:11 AM

DN

“ *David Dobbin Student Nurse lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



David Dobbin Student Nurse - February 01, 2012 at 08:08 AM

DD

I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. G recently, and in less than an hour, he captivated me with his knowledge and amazing strength. I was blessed to have been able to know him, even if briefly. My thoughts and prayers are with yunz.

David Dobbin - February 01, 2012 at 08:16 AM

MK

“ *Mary Cappuccilli Kepa lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Mary Cappuccilli Kepa - January 31, 2012 at 03:06 PM

MC

To the Garrity Family:

I always received a smile and a kind word from your dad/husband when attending St. Joe and around Rensselaer. I regret not getting to know the Garrity children as well as I should have, but I hold you all close in my heart when I remember my time in Rensselaer. May the Holy Spirit assist you as you recognize signs that your dad/husband is still with you. Open your heart and synchronize your love with his essence. He lived a good life and was a good man. This simplistic knowledge of his life will help you smile when possibly doubting that he is still around. I am content knowing that my parents have a kindred soul to traverse the spiritual plane with. Both Ralph and Phyllis held your dad/husband in the highest of esteem. May God Bless you as you adjust to this physical plane without Dr. Robert John Garrity. Validate his existence as you communicate with him in a new way.

*With sincerity and love,
Mary Cappuccilli Kepa*

Mary Cappuccilli - January 31, 2012 at 04:16 PM

TM

“ *Teresa Moreno lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Teresa Moreno - January 31, 2012 at 02:36 PM

TM

To echo what others have said, Dr. Garrity was such an amazing professor and educator. I took many classes with him, but my favorite was Aesthetes and Decadents. Dr. Garrity had ways of saying things that always stuck with you, made you chuckle that you think about long after the course is done. Thanks for being such a great part of SJC, Dr. Garrity!

Teresa Moreno - January 31, 2012 at 02:39 PM

TM

*Yikes! Dr. Garrity would not approve of my awkward phrasing. *made you chuckle and said things that you would think about long after the course is done. :)*

Teresa Moreno - January 31, 2012 at 02:43 PM

TM

“ *Teresa Massoels lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Teresa Massoels - January 31, 2012 at 01:40 PM

JL

“ *Jennifer Ledford lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Jennifer Ledford - January 31, 2012 at 01:24 PM

JL

*I loved the way Dr. Garrity's face lit up during Shakespeare and how passionate he was during drama class. These are qualities that I hope I to possess in my teaching career. Rest In Peace Dr. Garrity.
~Jennifer Ledford~*

Jennifer Ledford - January 31, 2012 at 01:31 PM

HS

“ *Dr. Garrity was my favorite professor. His enthusiasm for language was infectious -- more than a decade after graduating I still look up words in the Oxford English Dictionary based on a fascination with etymology that he inspired in me. He personified a joyous love of learning, and he will be deeply missed.*
-Heather Moser Seville '98

Heather Seville - January 31, 2012 at 09:44 AM

JN

“ *In memory of one the most brilliant men I've ever known and one of the greatest teachers I have ever had.*
-Jon Nichols SJC '93



Jon Nichols - January 30, 2012 at 11:23 PM

CM

“ *Chuck And Jackie Malchow lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Chuck and Jackie Malchow - January 30, 2012 at 10:53 PM

KG

“ *Katelyn Gigl lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Katelyn Gigl - January 30, 2012 at 09:17 PM

AF

“ Dear Mrs. Garrity, Judy and family,
We were so sorry to hear about Dr. Garrity. I have fond memories of spending a lot of time at your house with Judy and hanging out in your rec room where Dr. G enjoyed watching Jeopardy and his beloved Pittsburgh Steelers. He taught CCD, was a timer at our summer swim meets, and served as an excellent lector at St. Augustine Church. He will be missed. You are in our prayers.
Ann & Tim Finnegan & family

Ann Finnegan - January 30, 2012 at 08:51 PM

SD

“ Suzanne Dahlke lit a candle in memory of Dr.
Robert John Garrity



Suzanne Dahlke - January 30, 2012 at 08:43 PM

ER

“ I am very sorry for your loss. To repeat what a lot of people have already said, Dr. Garrity was a wonderful professor. He helped me to appreciate literature in a different way from other professors. There was something very special about him. He will truly be missed.

Erika Rowshan - January 30, 2012 at 07:26 PM

AP

“ Amy Putts lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity



Amy Putts - January 30, 2012 at 05:42 PM

AO

“ Dr. Garrity was one of my favorite professors at Saint Joe. I'll never forget how excited he got about languages and tracing back their origins to other previous languages. He really make language seem interesting, and we always had interesting discussions during our classes. He was one of a kind, and he will definitely not be soon forgotten.

Ana Ostman - January 30, 2012 at 05:36 PM

LC

“ Dr Garrity was one of my fondest memories of SJC and definitely challenged me more than most. He taught me things about literature and life that I could have never learned from anyone else. I will always remember that smile, and the tilt of his head when he went to tell a story that went with the topic of the day. Oh how I learned to love literature through him.
Later, after graduation, he taught me how to pronounce some Gaelic words properly so that I could give a proper Irish Blessing and Welcome my New Brother-In-Law into our Family! So to you Dr Garrity - I say "Go raibh maith agat a chara" - translated "Thank you my friend." Our lives are better for you and your teachings.

Lisa Curley - January 30, 2012 at 05:00 PM

JB

“ *John Bequette lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



John Bequette - January 30, 2012 at 03:07 PM

JM

“ *Jerry Mangel lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Jerry Mangel - January 30, 2012 at 02:56 PM

GP

“ *We have fond memories of your son Mike and our son Jason swimming together and also Suzy and Patti being classmates K-12 starting at St. Augustine. George really enjoyed working with Bob at St. Joe's.*

Our love, prayers and support are with Bob and his lovely family. Sorry we are unable to attend the funeral. We are spending the winter in the South.

All our sympathy,

George and Bernice Post

George and Bernice Post - January 30, 2012 at 02:27 PM

AH

“ *Aula Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



aula Hoffman - January 30, 2012 at 01:39 PM

Kyle
Gulick

“ *Kyle Gulick lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Kyle Gulick - January 30, 2012 at 01:32 PM

Kyle
Gulick

One of the most fun and challenging profs I ever had. His broad knowledge of so many topics definitely helped me to develop a more objective view of life and the world. Thank you professor. You are missed.

Kyle Gulick - January 30, 2012 at 01:35 PM

MG

“ *Maura Giles lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Maura Giles - January 30, 2012 at 01:11 PM

MM

“ Mike And Mary Molenaar lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity



Mike and Mary Molenaar - January 30, 2012 at 12:54 PM

EK

“ Erika Bolla Kozlowski lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity



Erika Bolla Kozlowski - January 30, 2012 at 12:47 PM

M1

“ Mark Gidley SJC 1978 lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity



Mark Gidley SJC 1978 - January 30, 2012 at 11:59 AM

TH

“ Timothy Hayes lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity



timothy hayes - January 30, 2012 at 11:50 AM

TH

I remember having professor garrity as a teacher how full of life and knowledge he possessed. It was fun working with him in antigone. You will be missed.

timothy hayes - January 30, 2012 at 11:54 AM

KG

“ *Kevin & Kate Geleott lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Kevin & Kate Geleott - January 30, 2012 at 11:42 AM

DS

“ *My love of literature, language and yes, even Shakespeare, comes from the passion that Dr. Garrity had for these and shared with his students on a daily basis, all while smiling and wearing a darn Steelers or Pirates tie.*



What a sad loss for the SJC family. Future Pumas will certainly miss out on having a great professor like him! My thoughts and prayers are with the Garrity family and the entire SJC community.

Donna (Bossung) Scheidt

Donna Scheidt - January 30, 2012 at 11:00 AM

LS

“ *Lindsay Serbin-Morris lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Lindsay Serbin-Morris - January 30, 2012 at 10:58 AM

CS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Bob's presence will be missed by those who worked with him. I hope you find a special place for those bowling trophies.*

Cathy Salyers - January 30, 2012 at 10:54 AM

CS

“ *Cathy Salyers lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Cathy Salyers - January 30, 2012 at 10:52 AM

AO

“ *Dr. Garrity was one of the best professors, and best people, I have ever known. It was a blessing to have him as one of my teachers during my time at St. Joe. He made more of a difference than I could ever begin to explain.*

I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.

Amanda (Gibson) Oost - January 30, 2012 at 09:33 AM

AS

“ Alisa Smiley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity



Alisa Smiley - January 30, 2012 at 08:22 AM

JM

“ Jeff & Tammy McEwan lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity



Jeff & Tammy McEwan - January 30, 2012 at 08:10 AM

CH

“ Carol Van Horn lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity



Carol Van Horn - January 30, 2012 at 07:45 AM

MF

“ Marie & Nathan Nuss & Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity



Marie & Nathan Nuss & Family - January 30, 2012 at 06:58 AM

PM

“ *Phil And Ellen Mcgraw lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



phil and ellen mcgraw - January 30, 2012 at 06:37 AM

JW

“ *Jody Taylor Watkins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Jody Taylor Watkins - January 30, 2012 at 06:10 AM

JW

Remembering Bob for his wonderful contributions to the lives of our students, and for being an equally wonderful example of scholarship and friendship for his colleagues at SJC.

Jody Taylor Watkins - January 30, 2012 at 07:18 AM

JM

“ *It was difficult to get this news...Bob and Gloria, you have been family to us. We all have wonderful memories of Dr. Bob...Hope Ray met you at heavens gate...love from the Mrozinski Family*

Judy Mrozinski - January 29, 2012 at 10:47 PM

MM

“ Our deepest condolences to the Garrity family and the St. Joe/Rensselaer community. Bob was a wonderful professor and colleague. He will be sorely missed. We feel blessed to have been a small part of his life. We will remember fondly our mutual discussions of Pittsburgh. Maureen, Michael and Lauren Minielli

Maureen Minielli - January 29, 2012 at 08:54 PM

MM

“ Maureen Minielli lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity



Maureen Minielli - January 29, 2012 at 08:49 PM

SR

“ Steve Roberts lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity



Steve Roberts - January 29, 2012 at 08:10 PM



“ Kelly Feltzer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity



Kelly Feltzer - January 29, 2012 at 06:35 PM



Garrity's, I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a jolly man. I always enjoyed running into he and Gloria at the Pub when in town. He will be missed.

Kelly Feltzer - January 29, 2012 at 06:39 PM

CB

“ *So sorry for your loss. May God give you strength during this difficult time. Blessing!* ”



Christine Burrige - January 29, 2012 at 05:30 PM

ER

“ *In memory of Dr. Garrity* ”



Erika - January 29, 2012 at 05:01 PM

KR

“ *Kelle And Randy Rowan lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity* ”



Kelle and Randy Rowan - January 29, 2012 at 03:58 PM

DD

“ You all have our heartfelt sympathy. We have alot of fun memories of Bob.
We will remember you in our prayers at this difficult time.
sending you a HUG!
Mike and Diane Doolin



Diane & Mike Doolin - January 29, 2012 at 02:37 PM

DD

“ Diane & Mike Doolin lit a candle in memory of
Dr. Robert John Garrity



Diane & Mike Doolin - January 29, 2012 at 02:31 PM

Cristen
Martin

“ He was a a wonderful man and an inspiring teacher to all as well, he
will be greatly missed.

Cristen Martin - January 29, 2012 at 02:08 PM

Cristen
Martin

“ Cristen Martin lit a candle in memory of Dr.
Robert John Garrity



Cristen Martin - January 29, 2012 at 02:04 PM

FP

“ *From The Gang In CCU & PCC lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



From the gang in CCU & PCC - January 29, 2012 at 12:41 PM

FC

So sorry for your loss...

From the gang in CCU - January 29, 2012 at 12:42 PM

DS

“ *Dave And Joann Skinner lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Dave and Joann Skinner - January 29, 2012 at 11:23 AM

PL

“ *Phyllis Lanoue lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Phyllis Lanoue - January 29, 2012 at 09:37 AM

RW

“ *May God bless you and give you strength through this time of sorrow.*
Roger and Gayla Warran



Roger and Gayla Warran - January 29, 2012 at 04:36 AM

PR

“ *Thoughts and Prayers are with you all.*

Paula Rayburn - January 28, 2012 at 11:46 PM

PR

“ *Paula Rayburn lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert John Garrity*



Paula Rayburn - January 28, 2012 at 11:44 PM

KF

“ *Thoughts and prayers are being sent to all of you.*
Greg and Kara Fishburn



Kara Fishburn - January 28, 2012 at 08:55 PM

JH

“ *Jan Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Dr.
Robert John Garrity*



Jan Hawkins - January 28, 2012 at 04:02 PM