

Fr. Eugene L. LAVERY 76 USA TZA

* July 5, 1908 Monaca, PA

+ April 10, 1983 Tucson AZ

His family had moved around through several states before he entered Cornwells in 1922. Professed at Ridgefield Aug. 15, 1928, he did his senior studies at Ferndale, where he was ordained Sept. 14, 1933.

The following year he sailed for the Kilimanjaro vicariate in Tanzania, where we find him listed at Gare and Ufiomi. While still there in 1943, he became a chaplain in the Army, serving in North Africa and Europe.

Discharged in 1947, he became pastor of St. Anthony's, Natchitoches, LA, but reenlisted in 1948 to spend another 17 years as a chaplain, first in Korea--where he received the Bronze Star Medal for "selfless devotion to duty and spiritual leadership"--then in Germany and in the USA.

By 1966 we find him at St. John's in Tucson, AZ, where he also stayed in retirement from 1970 on. He died there in his sleep. Interment took place in his family plot at St. Michael's cemetery, Stratford, CT.

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