Reverend John Victor Williams, O.P.

On August 28, 1963, Father John Victor Williams, O.P., died suddenly at Providence College. He had been a missionary on the Eastern Mission Band at the time of his death.

Father Williams was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, on April 13, 1903. He received his early education at St. Joseph’s Institute in Lynn. Later he attended Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, and Providence College, Providence, R. I. Upon entering the Dominican Order, Father Williams studied at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky.; the House of Studies, River Forest, Ill.; St. Joseph Priory, Somerset, Ohio; and the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. He was ordained at St. Dominic’s Church, Washington, D. C., by Archbishop Michael J. Culey of Baltimore, Md., on June 17, 1933.

Father Williams was first assigned to Sacred Heart Priory, Jersey City, N. J., where he did parish work. In 1937 he was transferred to St. Mary’s Priory, New Haven, Conn., and began his many and fruitful years as a member of the Mission Band.

The funeral for Father Williams took place on August 31, 1963, at St. Mary’s Church, New Haven, Conn. The celebrant was the Very Rev. Hugh McGinley, O.P., Prior at St. Mary’s. The deacon and sub-deacon were the Very Rev. Walter B. Sullivan, O.P., P.G., and the Rev. Thomas Shanley, O.P. The eulogy was given by the Very Rev. William R. Dillon, O.P., P.G., head of the Mission Band.

In attendance at the Mass were the Most Rev. John F. Hackett, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Hartford, Conn., and the Very Rev. William D. Marrin, O.P., Provincial of St. Joseph’s province. Over one hundred Monsignori and priests were present. Burial took place in St. Lawrence Cemetery, New Haven, Conn.

To Father Williams’ sister, Miss Alice Williams, and two brothers, Mr. Philip Williams and Mr. Sheridan Williams, Dominicana extends its sympathy.

Reverend Raymond Stephen McGonagle, O.P.

On August 13, 1963, Father Raymond McGonagle died at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Providence, R. I., after a short illness. For twenty-eight years he had been Professor of Biology at Providence College. At