



## Br Kevin Jackson SM

28.6.1933—29.8.2025

Kevin Peter Jackson was born on Jun 28, 1933, to parents, Walter, a green grocer, and Katherine, who lived in Kent Street, Millers Point, in Sydney 'Rocks' district.

Kevin attended St Brigid's primary school at Millers Point for two years before moving to St Patrick's Marist Brothers school in Harrington St for the remainder of his primary and secondary education.

In his upbringing Kevin was very much a part of the strong Catholic community that existed around the Rocks and St Patrick's parish, be it as an altar boy, CYO member or just helping priests like Fr Tom Maloney SM running movies in the church hall.

Leaving school at age fifteen Kevin began work as a tradesman and diamond toolmaker. It was here that he honed skills as a gifted tradesman who could invent and build almost anything conceivable out of metal. After National Service he spent five years in the CMF and developed the down-to-earth realism and practicality that won respect and affection from many.

In 1957, after working for nine years, Kevin joined the Society of Mary as a Brother candidate spending a novitiate year at Glen Davis before profession on Feb 5, 1959.

His first appointment was to Armidale working on the farm. Then seven years at the new college at Burnie from 1960 where, on a grader and old bulldozer, he constructed the fine playing fields that the college boasts to this day.

In 1967 Br Kevin (*Jacko* to his Marist confreres) worked at Hunters Hill with Br Charlie Randle restoring the Chapter Hall then moved to St Paul's College, Bellambi, once again on a bulldozer, reclaiming land with thousands of truckloads of coal wash from the Bulli colliery. As in Burnie, the fields are amongst the finest in the area.

Br Kevin then spent thirteen years at Hunters Hill doing a variety of jobs before moving in 1989 to St John's College, Woodlawn. Years of hard physical work brought on back problems, alleviated somewhat by acupuncture, but slowing down Br Kevin just a little.

In latter years Br Kevin became part of the Maryvale/Montbel community, Hunters Hill, until failing health meant a transfer to nearby Marsfield in Aged Care.

After a sudden onset of illness Br Kevin died peacefully in Royal North Shore Hospital on Aug 29, 2025, in the company of confreres from his Montbel community. May he rest in well-deserved peace.