



## Br Terry Garrett SM

5.10.1940—23.12.2025

Terry Garrett was born in Sydney on Oct 05, 1940, the sixth of seven children, with four sisters and two brothers.

After primary schooling with the Good Samaritan Sisters in Coffs Harbour and with the Christian Brothers at Chatswood, Sydney, Terry began secondary schooling at

Chatswood, completing this at St John's College, Woodlawn, Lismore.

After working for a year, Terry joined the Marist Fathers and entered novitiate at Glen Davis in 1958.

After profession as a Marist on Feb 05, 1959, Br Terry spent four years at St Peter Chanel's Scholasticate, Toongabbie, NSW, working on the farm. In 1963 he was appointed to Chanel College, Geelong, Vic. , where, after some years tending the grounds, in 1969 he began teaching junior mathematics.

An appointment to Woodlawn College in 1971 saw Br Terry teaching junior mathematics, acting as dormitory master and sports master for seven years.

In 1982 he was transferred to Marist Regional College, Burnie, Tas., where he continued teaching mathematics and worked on school maintenance.

In 1991 he spent a year teaching at St John's College in Darwin and then returned for two further years to Burnie.

1994 saw Br Terry with the community at St Patrick's, Church Hill, Sydney, helping with the finances and active in maintenance work. It was a busy time when the Church was being refurbished and the presbytery moving from the old site in Harrington Street to the former convent site nearby.

In 2002 Br Terry returned to Woodlawn College to teach and tutor in mathematics. After three months in Cameroon in 2005 he moved to Rome to spend just over a year on the staff of the Society of Mary's General House.

In 2007 he was appointed to the 'Maryvale' community at Hunters Hill, setting up a workshop in one of the buildings in the Villa Maria monastery grounds and assisting with the establishment of a 'Men's Shed' which flourishes to this day.

During 2025 Br Terry's health declined. Yet he maintained a cheerful and affirming presence in the Maryvale/Montbel community until his brief hospitalisation for palliative care before his peaceful death at Neringah Hospital, Wahroonga, on Dec 23. May he rest in well-deserved peace.