Professor Kurt Just (+6/19/2016)

Kurt Wolfgang Helmut Just was born on May 19, 1927, in Oels bei Breslau, in the region of Silesia, Germany. He was the only child of Johann and Maria Just.

At the very end of the Second World War, while still a teenager, Kurt was drafted by the German Army for the final defense of Berlin, but served just long enough to become a prisoner of war for a few months.

After the war, he finished high school and studied at several universities in Eastern Germany. He then completed a Doctorate in Natural Sciences at the Free University of (West) Berlin. While studying in Berlin, he met and married Sigrid Walther, and they had three sons.

In September 1961, shortly after the Berlin Wall was built, the Just family immigrated to the United States. They settled in Tucson, AZ, since Kurt had accepted a position as Professor of Physics at the University of Arizona, where he taught and did research for almost 40 years.

A life-long Catholic, Kurt attended Mass weekly, read the Bible and religious books regularly, and often discussed issues related to science and religion with colleagues and friends.

He was an avid hiker, swimmer, and cyclist. He was often seen in Tucson riding his bicycle to and from the university; even the week before his death, he was still riding his adult tricycle for shopping trips and to visit his wife in her Assisted Living home.

He also enjoyed traveling, especially to scientific conferences in Europe or Mexico and to reunions of his childhood friends and school classmates from Breslau. His final trip to Germany was just last summer—traveling alone, at age 88!

Kurt remained active and alert to the very end. He had just celebrated his 89th birthday on May 19, and he was looking forward to a family reunion on June 23. But God's timing was evidently different, calling Kurt home to himself on June 19, Father's Day!

A family friend had spent the morning with him on Saturday, June 18; but when another friend came to pick him up and take him to church on Sunday morning, June 19, he was found dead in his own bed at home. So he evidently died peacefully in his sleep overnight.

Kurt chose to have his body donated to science, which caused a friend to remark: "He was a teacher to the end!" The burial of his cremains will take place later this summer.

He is survived by Sigrid, his wife of 62½ years, and three adult sons—Stefan (and Rebecca), of Running Springs, CA; Klemens, of Berlin, Germany; and Felix, of Anaheim, CA—as well as two married grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

The family asks that memorial donations be made in Kurt's name to Amnesty International.

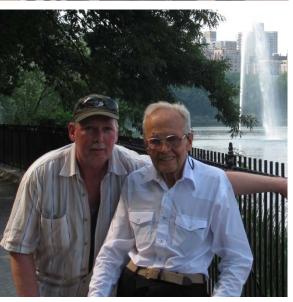
Funeral Mass for Kurt Just

(May 19, 1927 - June 19, 2016)









St. Thomas More Newman Center, Tucson, Arizona 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 25, 2016

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song: O God, Our Help in Ages Past BB#442 (tune: St. Anne)

Sign of the Cross & Liturgical Greeting

Welcome

Penitential Rite: Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

"The Lord will destroy death forever"

Responsorial Psalm: "Shepherd Me, O God" (Ps 23) BB#464 (Marty Haugen)

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-23

"All creation is groaning... as we wait for adoption, for the redemption of our bodies."

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia (Christopher Walker)

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever."

Gospel: Luke 12:35-40

"Be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Response: ... God of Mercy, Hear Our Prayer



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts & Preparation of the Altar

Offertory Song: Eye Has Not Seen BB#457 (Marty Haugen)

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Renewal BB#869-873 (Curtis Stephan)

Breaking of the Bread: Lamb of God BB#874 (Curtis Stephan)

Lord's Prayer

Exchange of Peace

Communion Song: Be Not Afraid BB#427 (Bob Dufford, SJ)

Post-Communion Prayer

Concluding Rites

Eulogies

Final Commendation

Song of Farewell: Take, Lord, Receive (John Foley, SJ)

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Song: For All the Saints BB#723 (tune: Sine Nomine)

SPECIAL THANKS to the LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Presider & Homilist:Rev. Felix Just, SJ **Main Concelebrants:**Rev. Patrick Crino & Rev. Ronald Oakham, O.Carm.

Lectors & Intercessions:Brian Kelly & Ofelia James & Gail Gresser **Gift Bearers:**Stefan Just & Klemens Just

Eulogists:

Dr. John Hsieh & Michael Leeming

Musicians:

Frank & Renée Cassidy and friends

Altar Flowers:

Office of Formation, Diocese of Tucson

Reception & Program:

Margaret Lordon & Sr. Lois Paha, OP

All are invited to a reception in Bishop Green Hall (downstairs) after the Mass.