

In Loving Memory
— of —
Father
Michael J. Blackburn

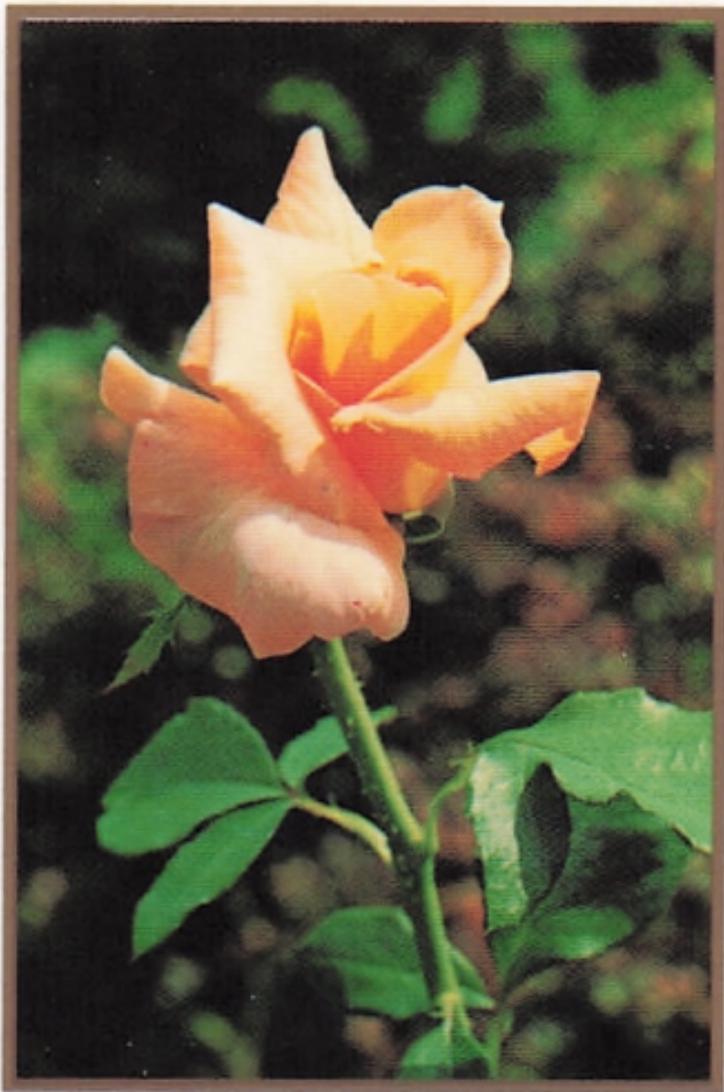
Salesian of Don Bosco
Farnborough, Hampshire.

Who died on
11th July, 1997.
Aged 66 years.

Grant to life's day
a calm unclouded ending,
An eve untouched
by shadows of decay,
The brightness of a
holy death-bed
blending with dawning glories
Of the eternal day.

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Requiescat in Pace.



TOGETHERNESS

Death is nothing at all – I have only slipped away into the next room. Whatever we were to each, that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was; there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is past; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before – only better, infinitely happier and forever – we will all be one together with Christ.