Ronald Joseph Howe, 78, passed away after a long illness at his home on Thursday, January 19, 2012. He was born in New Rochelle, N.Y., to Lucille Celetino and Joseph Howe. Ronald was Brother Ronald Alexis Howe as an Irish Christian Brother for 25 years and then married Valerie Marie Wisner. They lovingly spent 25 years together. Ronald became a step-father to Valerie’s three children, Lewis, Jason and Sarah and grandfather to ten grandchildren.

There will be a Rite of Christian Burial at St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Apex, NC at 11:00 a.m. January 24, 2012.

The family will receive friends at his wife’s home following the service, in Cary, NC.

Ronald is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Lucille Celetino Howe, and brother,

Raymond Michael Joseph Howe.

Ronald is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Valerie Marie Wisner; and her three children whom he loved deeply, Lewis Frederick Wilson, Ill, Jason Peter Wilson and Sarah Madeline Wilson Moore. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Jacqueline Marie Howe, his niece and God-daughter, Marie Lauren Howe; God-son, Gavin James Barry; nephew’s Michael Brian Howe with wife, Debra and Bruce Raymond Howe. His daughters-in-law, Laura Ann Amore Wilson, Monica Graham Wilson, and Tanya Lynn Thomas Wilson; son-in-law, James Justin Moore; His grandchildren are Claire Madeline and Olivia Graham Wilson of Youngsville; Hannah Elizabeth, and Sydney Jane Wilson of Apex, Elexys Elizabeth, Kendal Sage, and Kyra Layne Thomas of Garner, James Noel, Valerie Lynn and Ethan Jeffrey Moore of Raleigh.

The family is asking that in lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Wake County Hospice, 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh 27612.

Arrangements by Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, 831 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh.