

Brother James Lindsey, OSB,
monk of Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco, Arkansas,
strengthened with the Sacraments and
the prayers of his brother monks,
died on April 21, 2026.

At the time of his death,

Brother James was 76 years old.

He had been a professed monk for 44 years.

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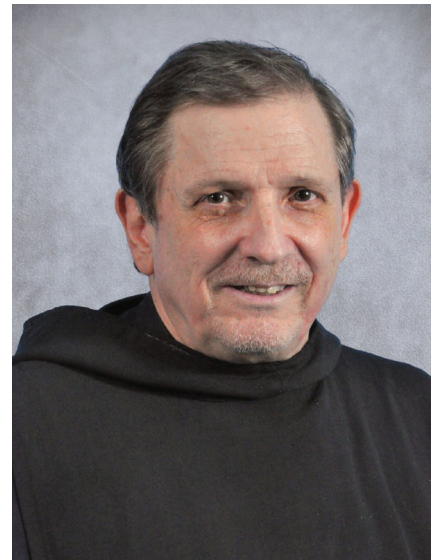
Homer Leo Lindsey was born on March 1, 1950, in Pocahontas, Arkansas, as one of five children - three sons and two daughters - born to Doyle and Mary Schratz Lindsey. Homer completed his elementary and secondary education at St. Paul School in Pocahontas, graduating from high school in 1969. The Benedictine Sisters of Holy Angels Convent, Jonesboro, Arkansas, who taught and administered St. Paul's, not only formed lifelong friendships with Homer, but also had a profound influence on his decision to discern a vocation to religious life.

Following high school graduation, Homer helped on the family farm. He was employed as Assistant Foreman in Waste Treatment Facilities for Waterloo Industries, Inc., Pocahontas from 1972 to 1980. He also taught pre-school and 1st grade catechism at St. Paul School during those years. Homer Lindsey entered Subiaco Abbey as a candidate for monastic life in September 1980. He made his first profession of vows on February 10, 1982, receiving the name James. Brother James worked in the Abbey Infirmary after first profession until July 1984, and was certified in Emergency Medical Training in 1983.

In the fall of 1983, Brother James was assigned to Subiaco Academy, where he served as an Assistant Dean and religion teacher. He also sponsored the Christophers, a group of Academy students who served through prayer, good works, peace and pro-life marches, visiting rest homes, and organizing food drives for the poor and homeless. Brother James spent four summers at Incarnate Word University in San Antonio, where in 1987 he received certification in Religious Studies, Pastoral Care, and Youth Ministry. He continued his ministries as religion teacher and Dean in the Academy through 1994. In 1985, he organized a clown troupe called The Divine Fools, who gave memorable performances based on religious themes both here at Subiaco and in different parts of the diocese through 1994. During the years 1985-1994, Brother James also served in the Academy as Benet Club Moderator (1985-1987) and Assistant Chaplain (1992-1993), and filled in as manager of the Abbey laundry at different intervals. Over all this time, Brother James brought joy, enthusiasm, and a sense of humor to his work and the people to whom he ministered.

In the summer of 1994, Abbot Jerome reassigned Brother James to serve as an assistant in the Abbey Business Office. It was soon discovered that Brother James was suffering from depression. He spent several months at C.F. Menninger Memorial Hospital in Topeka, Kansas, for treatment. Brother James returned to the abbey in early 1995 and substituted as dean and teacher, helping in various duties with the Business and Development offices of the abbey, running errands, and transporting monks and Academy students to doctor appointments and the airport.

In 1997 Brother James was appointed Sacristan for the abbey and resumed his duties as a religion teacher. For the next several years, Brother James served at different intervals as religion teacher, Freshman Dean, Assistant Guestmaster, and Sacristan. He was Campus Minister at St. Joseph Elementary School in Paris, Arkansas, from August 2006-May 2008.



In the spring of 2009, Brother James was appointed Assistant Librarian, a post he held until the late autumn. He suffered another attack of depression, which left him hospitalized for several weeks. When he returned from the hospital, Brother James took up residence in the Abbey Infirmary, and gradually was able to take on light duties. Brother James attended common prayer, Mass, and community activities, taking his turn with some household chores.

By 2019, Brother James had developed a severe case of neuropathy which eventually left him bedridden and immobile by the summer of 2020. From October 2020 until November 1, 2023, Brother James resided in the Paris Health and Rehabilitation Center in Paris, Arkansas, where he received specialized treatment for his neuropathy. Brother James' return to the monastery on All Saints Day 2023 was a welcome event for Brother James, his brother monks, the Abbey Health Center Staff, and abbey employees. Despite the numerous setbacks in his physical health and mobility, Brother James enjoyed visits from his confreres, the members of the Health Center Staff who attended to his needs, and other visitors to his bedside.

About one week before his death, Br. James suffered a fracture in his hip, which was weakened by osteoporosis. A trip to the hospital showed there was nothing that could be done other than time and control of the considerable pain associated with the fracture. He remained in his room in the Abbey Health Center until he died peacefully about midday, Tuesday, April 21, with one of the monks at his bedside praying the rosary.

May he rest in peace,
Abbot Elijah and Community