

The Reverend Kenneth F. Knoke

The Reverend Kenneth F. Knoke, 81, Priest of the Diocese of Fargo, passed away Monday, June 6, 2009, in Banner Baywood Medical Center, Mesa, AZ.



Kenneth Frederick Knoke was born June 22, 1927 in Willow City, ND, the son of Fred and Della (Ceto) Knoke. He graduated

from Notre Dame High School in Willow City. He entered the United States Navy on June 5, 1945 in Minot, ND and was honorably discharged from military service on August 1, 1946 in San Pedro, CA. He graduated from St. John's University in Collegeville, MN and pursued his theological studies at St. John's Seminary in Collegeville. He was ordained a Catholic Priest on June 4, 1955 in St. Theresa the Little Flower Catholic Church in Rugby, ND. Fr. Knoke served as Associate Pastor at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in New Rockford, ND from 1955 to 1957. He was appointed as Chaplain of St. James High School in Grand Forks, ND from 1957-1963. He received his M.A. at the University of North Dakota. He then continued as counselor at St. James High School from 1963 until its closing in 1968. Fr. Knoke served as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Reynolds, ND from 1963 and St. Jude's Catholic Church in Thompson, ND from 1970 until his retirement in 2000.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Herbert and Thomas.

Mass of Christian Burial:
11:00 a.m., Monday, June 15, 2009 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Reynolds, ND.

Visitation: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. vigil service, Sunday, June 14, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the Liturgy in the church on Monday.

Honor Guard: 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, St. Therese of Lisieux Assembly, Hillboro, ND and the Bishop Provincar Assembly 1578, Grand Forks, ND.

Interment: Notre Dame des Victoires Cemetery, Willow City, ND, at a later date.

The online memorial registry may be signed at www.nor-manfuneral.com

Arrangements by Gregory J. Norman-Norman Funeral Home, So. Washington St.