

Mausolf, Rev. James H.

Rev. James Henry Mausolf, 84, entered eternal life Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009 at his home in Traverse City.

Father Mausolf was born April 13, 1925 to George and Eleanore (Kranz) Mausolf in Harbor Beach, the eldest of four children.

He attended Rock Falls Grade School and Our Lady of Lake Huron High School in Harbor Beach. He went on to St. Lawrence Seminary in Mt. Calvary, Wis., Mary Immaculate Seminary in Glenclyffe, N.Y. and St. Anthony Seminary in Marathon, Wis. Fr. Jim received an STL degree from Catholic University, Washington, D.C. and an SSL degree from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.

Father Mausolf was ordained a priest Aug. 23, 1950 by Bishop John P. Treacy at St. Mary's in Marathon, Wis. Fr. Jim became a teacher of Sacred Scripture for St. Anthony Seminary in Marathon, Wis. From 1954 to 1956. He was a student at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. Fr. Jim returned as a professor at St. Anthony Seminary. In 1959, Fr. Jim was assigned to Queen of the Angels Retreat Center at Saginaw. He was secretary for the Capuchins Missions at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit from 1961 through 1973. In 1974, Fr. Jim was assigned Associate Pastor for St. Joseph Parish in Appleton, Wis. and served as Chaplain for St. Michael Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis., from 1975 to 1979. Father Jim returned to Michigan, where he served as Associate Pastor, then Pastor, for Immaculate Conception Parish in Traverse City from July 11, 1979 until Aug. 13, 1985. Fr. Jim was appointed pastor for St. Mary Parish in Grayling. He was assigned to the special apostolate for people suffering with alcoholism and substance abuse that became a full-time ministry with an office in Traverse City. On Jan. 1, 1986, Fr. Jim was formally incardinated into the Diocese of Gaylord. In 1991, Fr. Jim also provided ministry to the Carmelite Sisters Monastery. Father Jim retired to senior priest status on Aug. 1, 1995 and lived in Traverse City, where he died peacefully in his sleep.

Father Mausolf is survived by his sisters, Marjorie O'Donnell of Fort Gratiot, Rosemary (William) Roggenbuck of Harbor Beach, and 24 nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, brother, Kenneth, and one nephew.

Visitation will be conducted from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, 2009 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 720 Second Street in Traverse City, with the vigil service at 7 p.m. Bishop Patrick R. Cooney and priests will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009 for Fr. Jim with additional visitation from 9:30 a.m. Committal Services for Father Jim will be at Oakwood Catholic Cemetery in Traverse City.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Covell Funeral Home, Traverse City. Please share a memory of Fr. Jim at www.mem.com. Donations may be made in Fr. Jim's name to Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools.