

Matuszewski, Fr. Ramon

Fr. Ramon Matuszewski, 74, of Midland and formerly of Pinconning, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at his home. He was born in Mt. Forest Township on October 22, 1930 to the late Mitchell and Donna (Pudlik) Matuszewski. He was class president and valedictorian of the class of 1949 at Pinconning Area High School. He attended St. Mary's and St. John's Provincial Seminaries and was a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas, Chapman College, LaVerne College, and the University of Michigan. He was ordained June 1, 1957 at St. Hyacinth Church in Bay City by the Most Rev. Stephens S. Woznick. Fr. Ray served an associate pastor at several parishes and then served as a Chaplain in the U.S. Navy for 20 years retiring with the rank of commander. He returned to the diocese in 1984 and served as pastor at Shepard & Winn parishes and St. Michael Parish from 1991 until his retirement in July 2001. Fr. Ray was still active as a senior priest and always was most willing to be of service in substituting in parishes. He is survived by his two brothers, Edmund Matuszewski and his wife, Mary Ellen, of Auburn, and Arthur Matuszewski and his wife, Judy, of Frankenmuth; a sister, Eleanore Malone and her husband, Victor, of Midland; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister and his parents. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2005, at St. Michael Catholic Church with Bishop Robert J. Carlson presiding. The rite of interment will take place at St. Agnes Cemetery. Visitation for Fr. Ray will be from 3 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. until the time of services on Saturday at St. Michael Church. A vigil service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the church. Memorials can be made to St. Mary's Guardian Angel Adult Day Services, Mid Michigan Visiting Nurses and Hospice, Midland, or the charity of the donor's choice.