



Rev. James W. Beeman

July 12, 1926 - October 1, 2016

James W. Beeman (Fr. Jim), a retired Catholic priest from the Diocese of Harrisburg, PA., died of Parkinson's disease on October 1, 2016 at Sorrento Assisted Living Center in Nokomis, FL, under the joint care with Tidewell Hospice.

Fr. Jim was born in Rochester (Irondequoit), N.Y., the second of six children, to Walter S. and S. Marie Beeman.

He graduated from Mount Saint Mary's in Maryland and was ordained in 1953 as a parish priest for the Diocese of Harrisburg where he served in several Pennsylvania churches, including as pastor of Our Lady of the Visitation in Shippensburg and as pastor of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Harrisburg. Before his retirement Fr. Jim served as prison chaplain in Lewisburg as well as chaplain at the state mental hospital.

He is survived by brothers Walter (Janet) Beeman of Nokomis, William (Mary Jane) of Nokomis, and Lawrence (Sharon) Beeman of Arlington, VA., as well as many niece's and nephew's. He leaves behind many lifelong friends who became part of his extended family, especially the Clark family in Harrisburg who took loving care of him as his health declined.

Fr. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and by his two sisters and their spouses, Wilna and Robert Kyle, and Margaret and Gerard Metzger.

Fr. Jim directed that his body be donated to medical science.

A celebration of his life will be scheduled at a later date.

Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Ewing Chapel, in Venice, FL., is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was a parishioner at OLBS when Fr Beaman was pastor. I was immediately struck by his Christ-like devotion to the poor and those who were otherwise neglected by society. I learned from his example. I think of him often (as I did tonight prompting g me to do the web search that unearthed his obit). Share stories of his behavior as illustrations of true commitment to the gospel. Mainly I remember him as a kind and gentle man committed to helping others. He truly influenced my life In a profoundly positive way.

Dave Smith - February 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I knew Father Beeman while he was at St Mary's in Lancaster,Pa. He was a warm and caring man who was always helping someone out.May he rest in peace!

CAROL (HODGEN) LAUDENBERGER - October 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I extend my condolences to the family of Rev. James W. Beeman. I will always remember "Father Beeman" is what I use to call him for his many acts of love & kindness that he extended towards others. He was a good friend & had such a big heart. May the peace of God be with you....

Lorie - October 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM