

Fr. Robert (Bob) Krenik



Robert (Bob) Krenik LEBANON, Va. Rev. Fr. Robert (Bob) Krenik, 71, passed away on Wednesday, July 21, 2010, following a long and brave five year battle with acute myelogenous leukemia. Fr. Bob was born May 25, 1939 in Le Center, Minnesota to the late Joe and Susan Krenik. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Lyle Pundt; nephew, Wes Pundt; his grandparents; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He is survived by a brother, Joe Krenik and wife, Darlene; sister, Susie (Ann) Pundt; nephews, Kevin Krenik and wife, Lisa, Kurt Krenik and wife, Mary, and Marty Pundt and wife, Marie; sister-in-law, Shelly Pundt; four great-nephews; and a great-niece.

Fr. Bob served the church as a religious brother approximately 20 years, during which time he taught visually impaired children and adults in Newark, N.J. He also taught at St. Joseph's School in Holy Trinity, Ala., as a member of Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity. Realizing the coming crisis in the priesthood (the fewer numbers) Fr. Bob left the brotherhood and was accepted by the Diocese of Richmond to study for the priesthood at the Catholic University of America in Washington. Fr. Bob served the Church of the Incarnation in Richmond as a deacon.

Fr. Bob was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Walter F. Sullivan on May 25, 1984. He served parishes at Holy Cross Church in Lynchburg, Va., and St. Theresa in Farmville, Va. He then volunteered to serve at St. John the Evangelist Church in Marion, Va. and Christ the King in Abingdon, Va.

The last parish cluster Fr. Krenik was called upon to serve was Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Lebanon, St. Therese in St Paul, Va., and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Coeburn, Va. He retired in September 2005 after being diagnosed with leukemia. His hobbies included visiting with friends, reading, and music, caring for his yard, traveling by car and washing his car.

A funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 26, at the Christ the King Church in Abingdon. The family will receive friends from 12 until 2 p.m. before the service. The family will also receive friends on Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Christ the King Church in Abingdon.

Interment will be in Le Center, Minnesota at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Cancer Society, 230 Charwood Drive, NE, Abingdon, VA 24210, or visit their website www.cancer.org for online donations.

The family would like to thank Home Nursing Company and Hospice Services for their fine care and service. They would also like to thank the many friends and neighbors for their visits and prayers. Owens Funeral Service and Cremation Service are in charge of arrangements.