



Rev. Msgr. William J. "Bill" Stanton

May 28, 1931 - January 18, 2017

Rev. Msgr. William J. "Bill" Stanton 85, died Jan. 18 2017 in St. Louis, where he moved last year from Cape Girardeau.

He served parishes throughout Southern Missouri for six decades, starting with a group of young priests who drove winding Ozark highways to introduce themselves to the region's many non-Catholic communities. He later served at least ten parishes from Joplin to Cape Girardeau, and will be remembered by the many parishioners whose lives he touched.

Bill was born on May 28, 1931 in St. Louis to the late Frank and Rose (Haas) Stanton. He grew up on the city's south side, attended St. Louis Prep and Kenrick Seminary before being ordained in 1956. He was recently preceded in death by his brother, Frank L. Stanton of St. Louis, and is survived by his sister-in-law, Elizabeth A. (Buehrle) Stanton, and nieces Laura (David LaGessee) and Carol (Kirk Warner) Stanton.

Visitation is Sunday , Jan. 22, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau with parish prayers at 6:30 PM.

Funeral Mass is Monday, Jan. 23, 2017 at 11 a.m. at the cathedral with the Most Reverend Edward M. Rice officiating.

Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Previous Events

Parish Prayers

JAN 22. 6:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary Cathedral
615 William St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Visitation

JAN 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St Mary Cathedral
615 William St
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703-6242

Funeral Mass

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Fr. Bill, What a wonderful man. He was a priest and a dear friend. He was at our church at Immaculate Conception in Jackson MO. He brought his housekeeper Leona with him. She was just as adorabe as he was. She was like every one;s big sister He wrote the nicest letter for us when we were trying to adopt a baby I have that letter and will keep it forever. He got up a Barber shop quartet together and my husband joined him in the group. They had the best time in this group, going to different places to sing for them. Father put his whole heart and soul into. We will miss you. Rest in Peace dear friend.



Sue Craig - January 22, 2017 at 11:30 PM

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“ Nancy Foley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Msgr. William J. "Bill" Stanton



Nancy Foley - January 22, 2017 at 04:37 PM

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He was a wonderful priest, a true friend, and will be missed. RIP Father Bill.

Nancy Foley - January 22, 2017 at 04:39 PM

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“*Msgr. Bill Stanton served at our parish, Sacred Heart, Thayer twice. Once as an associate under Fr. Bauer right after ordination. The second time in the 1985-1992. He was a wonderful priest. I loved him. He married John and I on Nov. 25, 1989. Many of our friends were non-Catholics but he made them comfortable. I stayed in touch with him through the years. I was able to see him on a few occasions. I so wanted to come to the funeral to pay my respects but my elderly brother-in-law needs me on Monday. Fr. Bill ate dinner with us on numerous occasions. Twice he was bringing a seminarian with him, he would call and say "Put another bean in the pot". He is always in my thoughts and prayers. My family loves him. Rest in peace, Fr. Bill.*

John & Carolyn Nuwer

Carolyn Nuwer - January 21, 2017 at 01:21 PM