



Reverend Joseph Nicholas Reinig

May 20, 1932 - October 24, 2014

Reverend Joseph Nicholas Reinig, retired pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, passed away on October 24, 2014, comforted by the Rites of the Catholic Church, at St. Charles Medical Center, in Bend, Oregon. Fr. Joe was born on May 20, 1932, in Berkshire Heights, PA, to Hubert and Barbara Reinig. Joe had a brother, Paul Reinig, and a sister, Martha Ritner, who preceded him in death. He grew up in Reading, PA and went to Central Catholic High School. He married Helen B. Macey in 1953 and they had nine children, in exactly twelve years. Joe worked at Martin Marietta in the space program as an engineer and was employed by Mobility Systems. For a time he owned the The Burger Pit in Dublin, CA, eventually selling it and going back into engineering. During the recession in the eighties, he volunteered his time as a construction manager for St. Elizabeths Church. He and Helen joined Cindy and Marks family, in moving to Bend in 1989, where he became owner of Mugsys Caf. Mark Reinig and his family joined them later. Helen passed away on July 18, 1993. Following her passing he entered the Seminary to study for the priesthood. He was ordained for the Diocese of Baker in 1998. He served in Hermiston and Bend, Oregon and was responsible for spearheading the building of the new St. Francis Catholic Church. Fr. Joe then became the Vicar General of the Baker Diocese, retiring in 2013. Fr. Joe was a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. Before he was ordained he was a Past Grand Knight. He had also served as Oregon State Chaplain. He is survived by children, Robert (Joy) Reinig, CA, Michael Reinig,

CA, Mark (Sharon) Reinig, OR, Lawrence (Cheryl) Reinig, WA, Cindy (Mark) Kuykendall, OR, Adrienne Reinig, OR, Denise (Tom) Wong, CA, Teri Reinig and Michelle, OR, Kathy (John) DiGirolamo, of CO. Fr. Joe also had 22 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2450 NE 27th St., Bend, OR. Mass of Christian Burial is Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Diocesan Health and Retirement Fund: Diocese of Baker, P.O. Box 5999, Bend, OR 97708. Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. 541-382-2471

Funeral Home:

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105 NW Irving Ave
Bend, OR
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Tribute Wall

DS

“ I just heard of Fr. Joes passing Dec. 2014. I am saddened to hear of such, pray for his family, and am thankful for the short time that I knew him. He wasnt just a good priest or supervisor. He was, simply, a good man. Peace to you Fr. Joe. David

David Stone - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Dad its still hard to believe you are gone, you will never be forgotten you will forever be in my heart and thoughts. You were the greatest father a child could ask for. I love you your daughter, Teri, Michele and Taylor

Teri Reinig - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I met Mr. Reinig when I was a kid growing up in Milpitas, CA. Always ready with a smile and thrilled to open his home to any of his kids friends I remember many days hanging out at the house or sitting down to dinner with the very large and constantly growing Reinig clan. Everyone was made to feel welcome and loved. You will be missed. My thoughts are with the Reinig family as they mourn your passing. Is this Mindy our old neighbor? God bless you for your wonderful words. Katy told me she had spoken with you. Hope all is well. Hugs, Cindy

Mindy Harada - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ I met Father Joe first at Bend Transitional Care where I was rehabing and he came some time after I arrived. I then discharged to St. Charles Rehab, and lo and behold! Father Joe came there also. I remember that he wished to be addressed not by his first name or by Mr. _____, but as Father Joe. He was honored, I believe, to have that title. Father Joe was always polite and liked to play a game of (I think it was) cribbage with his tablemate at Bend Trans. I was privileged to know him in this small way. Yes it was cribbage. One of the only games he really enjoyed playing. As his daughter I have fond memories of the many times he sat at our dinner table with our sons and my husband playing. He was a great father and husband and then a late vocation priest. Not many people can do so many things in their lives. He loved being a priest and ministering to people. He was proud of being a main staple in the building of the new church on 27th. I love my father and love what he did with his life. I miss him everyday but know he is in a greater place and I am praying I will be worthy to get their someday. Love you dad, Cindy

Donna - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We love you so much Father Joe and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your wonderful family. We have so many fond memories of you and one of many is when you preformed our Wedding Mass at the down town parish, you made it such a perfect day for us and for all that attended. We will all miss you so much, but know that you are with our Lord and Helen now and are resting in Peace. Gods Blessings to you and your family, John and Jolene Calkins and Family

John and Jolene Calkins - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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