Capuchin Father Gregory Beyer, 75, of St. Fidelis Friary, Victoria, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, in Hays following a lengthy illness.

He was born Oct. 29, 1935, in Hays to Raymond and Lillian (Leary) Beyer.

He was a graduate of Jefferson West Grade School, Hays; St. Francis Seminary, Victoria; St. Fidelis Seminary, Herman, Pa.; and Capuchin College, Washington. He entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order at Annapolis, Md., and made first profession of vows in 1957. After ordination to the priesthood in 1962, he pursued further studies in theology and English and in 1964 began teaching English and Latin at St. Joseph Military Academy, Hays.

After the formation of Thomas More Prep in 1970, he continued on the faculty and coached wrestling and cross country until 1981. He then served two years as admissions officer for the school and director of vocations for the Capuchins. He later served another year as vocation director for the Capuchins. Between 1983 and 2001, he served as pastor or assistant pastor of parishes in St. Francis, Bird City, Gorham, Walker, Victoria, Vincent, Pfeifer, Hays, Antonino and Schoenchen in Kansas and Northglenn, Colo.

He also served for six of these years as local minister or assistant local minister of the Capuchins in Lawrence, Victoria, and Hays. In 2001, he was one of five friars who began the Catholic Center at the Citadel Mall in Colorado Springs and ministered there for two years.
During the past seven years, failing health forced him into retirement from pastoral ministry, but he continued, while able, to serve in fraternal ministry to the friars as an editor, archivist and local bursar, and in the provincial prayer ministry.

Survivors include two brothers, Ray, Wichita, and Gene, Kansas City; and a sister, Marge Feldt, Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Tillie Kisner and Esther Beyer, and six brothers, Hubert, Francis, Virgil, Wilfred, Richard and Joseph.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria; burial at the friars plot in St. Fidelis Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, both at the church. A vigil will be at 7:30 pm Monday at the church.

Memorial are suggested to the Capuchin Province of Mid-America, P.O. Box 11605, Denver, CO 80211.

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**Family Members**

**Parents**

- Raymond Joseph Beyer 1889–1938
- Lillian Urban O’Leary Beyer 1903–1985

**Siblings**

- Clothilda Beyer Kisner 1922–2009
- Hubert M. Beyer 1923–1994
- Raymond S. Beyer 1924–2014
- Francis J. Beyer 1926–1993
- Virgil G. Beyer 1927–1997
- Wilfred James Beyer 1929–1985
- Eugene James Beyer 1933–2013
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