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## LADIKA, Stephen Joseph

Aug 27, 2011

**L**ADIKA - Stephen Joseph Of Boca Raton, FL; passed away peacefully on August 24, 2011 at age 83. He is survived by his sister Mary Schihl, his two loving children Heidi Ladika- Cipolla and Matthew Ladika, four grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. Steve was born in Buffalo, N.Y. on March 24, 1928. He completed his education at St. Bonaventure University. Having heard God's call early in his life, Steve was ordained a Catholic priest on June 7, 1952, in the Diocese of Buffalo. After serving the Church faithfully for 13 years, Steve was granted leave from the priesthood and married Maryann Denz on August 23, 1965. Newly married, Steve and Maryann moved to Boca Raton, Fla. to start a family. In January of 1968, Steve started work at Boca Raton Community Hospital as Personnel Director. He steadily progressed to Vice President of the hospital. In April of 1977, after the tragic loss of Frank and Pat Dawson, Steve was made President and Chief Operating Officer of Boca Raton Community Hospital. He passionately served in this position until March of 1988. In 1989, he was named Trustee Emeritus, until his full retirement in 1990. The next 15 years were quietly shared with his beloved wife Maryann, children and

grandchildren. When Maryann passed away on November 19, 2004, the loss of his soul mate was very painful. But Steve's great faith in God helped pull him through. Steve had a love for life and people, and was blessed to have so many good friends. He touched many lives with his generosity and good humor. We hope he touched your life in a positive, memorable way. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, August 30, 2011, at 11 AM in St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 370 S.W. Third St., Boca Raton, FL. Memorial contributions to be made in lieu of flowers to Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation (BRRH Foundation), 745 Meadows Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486.

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