

Rev. Lionel P. Ouellette

MARLBOROUGH - The Rev. Lionel P. Ouellette, 73, a retired senior priest of the Boston Diocese, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2000, at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell, following a brief battle with cancer.

The Rev. Ouellette was in residence at St. Mary Rectory in Marlborough, a city where he had served three years at St. Matthias and for 12 years at St. Mary Church. His other parish assignments were at St. Anthony Church of Beverly, St. Jean Baptiste Church of Lynn, the Assumption Church of Bellingham, and St. Margaret Church of Lowell.

A Lowell native, he was a son of the late Paul J. and Christine (Ducharme) Ouellette.

He was raised in St. Louis de France Parish, attended the parish elementary school, Lowell High School, and the Séminaire du Sacre Coeur in St. Victor, Quebec, before entering St. John Seminary in Brighton. He was ordained to the priesthood on Feb. 2, 1957, by Cardinal Richard Cushing in the Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston. He celebrated his 40th anniversary of ordination on Feb. 2 1997, at St. Mary Church in Marlborough.

He leaves two sisters, Pauline Coffey and Lorraine Janowicz, both of Lowell; four brothers and sisters-in-law, R.F. Roger and Madeline Ouellette of Woburn, Rudolphe W. "Red" and Murielle Ouellette of Dracutt, Reginald A. and Patricia Ouellette, and Normand J. and Fleurette Ouellette, all of Nashua, N.H.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also the twin brother of Therese Marie Ouellette, who died at the age of 3, in December 1929, and the brother-in-law of the late Humphrey J. Coffey and Stanley Janowicz, both of Lowell.

The Rev. Ouellette will lie in state today from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Mary Church, 26 Broad St., Marlborough. Vesper service will follow at 8 p.m.

Relatives and friends will be received Thursday, Sept. 7, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., at the McKenna-Ouellette Funeral Home, 327 Hildreth St., Lowell.

His concelebrated funeral Mass will be Friday, Sept. 8, at 10 a.m., at St. Louis de France Church, West Sixth Street, Lowell, with Cardinal Bernard Law Principal Celebrant.

Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.