

Rev. Thomas J. O'Connor, pastor in Lenox, Pittsfield

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The Rev. Thomas J. O'Connor, 56, former pastor of St. Ann's Church in Lenox, died after a long illness Saturday afternoon at the home of his brother in Springfield.

Father O'Connor resigned as St. Ann's pastor in June of last year because of a chronic heart condition, and went into residence at St. Teresa's in Pittsfield. He had been pastor for nine years. Born May 28, 1930, in Springfield, he graduated from Cathedral High School and went on to Holy Cross College. After graduating there, he took his theological training at Our Lady of the Angels at Niagara University. He was ordained June 4, 1955, at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield by the late Bishop Christopher J. Weldon.

Father O'Connor had assignments as assistant pastor at St. Joseph's Church in Pittsfield; Holy Cross Church, Holy Family Church and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, all in Springfield; St. Patrick's in Monson; St. Mary's in Westfield; and as chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He leaves his brother, Michael P. O'Connor of Springfield, and two sisters, Mary T. Barker of Lake Hiawatha, N.J., and Helene B. Towseley of East Longmeadow.

Calling hours will be tonight from 7 to 9 and tomorrow from 2 to 4 at St. Ann's Church. A Liturgy of Jesus Christ the High Priest will be

celebrated there tomorrow at 7 by Bishop Leo O'Neil, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Springfield.

On Wednesday, calling hours will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 at Our Lady of Hope Church, Springfield. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated there Thursday at 11 by Bishop Joseph F. Maguire. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Ann's Church restoration fund, Housatonic Street, Lenox.

Evelyn G. Deluce

Evelyn G. Deluce, 69, of 36 Francis Plaza died Saturday at Berkshire Medical Center after a long illness.

Born in West Virginia on Oct. 28, 1917, she was the daughter of Ronald and Pearl Richard Golden. She attended schools in Pennsylvania and had lived in Pittsfield several years.

Her husband, Louis Deluce, died June 26, 1969.

She leaves a son, Milton R. Deluce of Pittsfield; two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Coddling of Pittsfield and Geraldine Gates of Connecticut; a brother, Mervin Golden of Pennsylvania; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be tomorrow at 11 at the Dery Funeral Home with burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

Michael Hotaling Jr.