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REV. KEITH M. KUIPER, FORMER COTTONWOOD PASTOR

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----JEROME, Idaho The Rev. Keith Michael Kuiper, former pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Cottonwood, died of an apparent heart attack Tuesday at his home here. He was 46.

He had served as chaplain for St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center at Lewiston and was serving as pastor of St. Jerome's Catholic Church when he died.

He was born Nov. 13, 1943, to Daniel G. and Leone Kuiper at Ashton, Iowa. He attended schools in Iowa and then attended Briar Cliff College at Sioux City, Iowa. He graduated from Mt. Angel Seminary College and Mt. Angel School of Theology in Oregon.

He was ordained a priest Nov. 29, 1974, for the Diocese of Boise. He served as associate pastor at Sacred Heart Parish at Boise, St. Edwards Catholic Church at Twin Falls, and Holy Rosary Parish at Idaho Falls.

He served as chaplain at St. Alphonsus Hospital at Boise before moving to Lewiston. In June 1982, he became pastor at Cottonwood and in 1987 he served as co-pastor at Holy Rosary at Idaho Falls. In June the following year, he was assigned as pastor of St. Jerome's.

He served as a member of the Diocesan Personnel Board from 1979 to 1982. He also served as chaplain at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center at Jerome and was a member of the pastoral care team at St. Benedict's.

He was a member of the Jerome Rotary Club, the Jerome Rural Volunteer Fire Department, the Knights of Columbus and was president of the Jerome Ministerial Association.

While at Cottonwood, he drove truck or farm machinery for local farmers in his spare time. He also was an active member of the Cottonwood Lions Club and enjoyed horses.

Survivors include his father, Daniel G. Kuiper of Ashton, Iowa; three brothers, Brian Kuiper of Granville, Iowa, Gary Kuiper of Grand Coulee, Wash., and Douglas Kuiper of Alexandria, Minn.; and a sister, Deborah Pippin of Flagstaff, Ariz.

His mother died in 1986.

A wake will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church and Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Jerome's with Bishop Tod O. Brown, Bishop of Boise, officiating.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Cottonwood. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's. Burial will follow at Cottonwood Catholic Cemetery.

Uhlorn Funeral Home at Cottonwood is in charge of local arrangements.