

Rev. Jude Dowling CP

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Rev. Jude Dowling, CP, 76, died Wednesday, (October 17, 2001) in Brockton, MA. He was born in Brooklyn, NY to the late Michael and Ellen (Dooley) Dowling and attended Bishop Loughlin High School in Brooklyn. He served in the U.S. Army Infantry during World War II and the Italian Campaign until 1945. He received numerous medals including the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He returned to New York and attended Fordham University and received his BA in Philosophy from Passionist Novitate in 1948, and his Master's in Theology from St. Michael's in Union City, NJ in 1954. He continued his education in Theology, Scripture and Psychology at Assumption College. He was ordained April 28, 1954 in Union City, NJ by Bishop Cuthbert O'Gara, CP. He began his Missionary in Toronto Canada from 1955-1957. He was an Army Chaplain in Texas and Korea until 1959. Rev. Dowling was Vicar at St. Michael's in Union City, NJ from 1959-1961, and was an Assoc. Retreat Director at Holy Family Monastery in West Hartford, from 1961-1964 moving to Our Lady of Florida in North Palm, FL becoming the Retreat House Director from 1966-1971. He was Retreat House Assistant at Calvary Retreat Center in Shrewsbury, MA from 1971-1978, and at Our Mother of Sorrows in Springfield, MA until 1993 when he retired to Holy Family Monastery in West Hartford. Rev.

Dowling was a Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella in Shrewsbury, and was acting chaplain for the D.A.V. Post 12 in West Hartford. He is survived by his niece, Patricia Dowling of Branford, and his cousin Ann Power of Hampton, VA. Funeral services will be Tuesday, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Holy Family Monastery, 303 Tunxis Rd., West Hartford. Burial will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Springfield. Calling hours will be Monday, beginning at 4 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Family. Molloy Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of arrangements. Donations in his memory may be made to Holy Family Monastery, 303 Tunxis Rd., West Hartford, CT 06107.

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Funeral services provided by

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Father Jude,

The passing of Father Jude brings tears to my eyes and a smile to my lips. The tears are for the friends and relatives he left behind and the years of prayers that kept our family going in a positive manner. The tears also are the passing of one of the last true Irish members of our family that served our country, guided our family members and was a devoted member of the clergy.

The smiles represent him performing our wedding service, Heather and

Lindz's baptism and confirmation service. The smiles represent the gleeful times we had when he stayed at our home working around his diet and listening to him ramble on about our family tree that changed with each visit. The smile represents the thank you notes and the little pick me up notes that he sent so often. In particular, the thank you note that he sent regarding the four tickets that I sent to him with \$100 to go to a game at UConn. When he sent me my thank you note he also sent me a bill for parking which I immediately took care of. It was his sense of Irish humor that always made me chuckle, particularly when he told me stories in confidence about my relatives, especially Dennis Wickam.

I could go on for ever and ever but I will end with this one story about his 25th jubilee in Brooklyn New York. Can you imagine Uncle Al, Aunt Margaret, Aunt Ellen, my dear Virginia and myself the driver going to New York City in a beat up Chevy. When we arrived four hours after our departure we were greeted by one of our numerous cousins. "Billy from CT how would you like to have a cup of hot tea?" My response was, "Dear Cousin, I would prefer a bottle of cold Knickerbocker" we all laughed and I was shown my quarters in the basement next to the boiler and the fur coats.

Bill Meehan

October 21, 2001

Scott and Karen Ryan

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