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REV. MSGR. John V. WILKINSON

WILKINSON, REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN V. The Reverend Monsignor John V. Wilkinson, Pastor Emeritus of Sacred Heart Church in Hartsdale and a well known area educator, died peacefully on July 3, 2005, after a lengthy illness. He was 81 years old and had been in residence at the Sprain Manor Nursing Home in Scarsdale. Monsignor was born on October 10, 1923 in the Bronx to Ann Kearney and John V. Wilkinson. He attended Blessed Sacrament Elementary School in the Bronx and Cathedral College in Manhattan. After completing studies at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, he was ordained on April 17, 1948 by Francis Cardinal Spellman in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Upon completing a summer assignment at St. John's in Clove, NY, father Wilkinson was assigned to Holy Trinity in Poughkeepsie for one year. In September 1949 he began what would become a twenty year stint as a teacher at Cathedral College in New York City. In addition to his teaching duties, he also served for a time as Procurator. During that period he assisted at a number of Manhattan parishes including St. Frances De Sales, St. Columba and Good Counsel. In 1951 he continued his studies at Catholic University, briefly serving as Dean of Men and later at Fordham University where he received his Masters and Doctorate degrees. In 1969, he was selected to be on the faculty of the new college seminary program in Douglaston, Queens teaching history at Cathedral College of The Immaculate Conception. He served there until 1973 when he was appointed Chaplain at Iona College in New Rochelle. In July 1981, Cardinal Cooke appointed him Pastor of Sacred Heart in Hartsdale where he remained until his retirement in 1998. His great love of the classroom was evident in the fact that he continued to teach history at Iona College and St. Joseph's Seminary. He also served as Chaplain to the Greenburgh Police and Hartsdale Fire Departments. In 1995, Father Wilkinson was named a Prelate of Honor by Pope John Paul II and given the title of Monsignor. Wake Thursday, 2-7 pm, Sacred Heart Church, Hartsdale. Mass of The Holy Eucharist, Thursday 7:30 pm, Sacred Heart Church, Hartsdale. Funeral Mass, Friday 10 am Sacred Heart Church. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Iona College, New Rochelle, in his name. MCMAHON, LYON & HARTNETT FUNERAL HOME 491 Mamaroneck Ave. White Plains 914-949-7777



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