

Muir Brothers Funeral Home

Father Joseph Albert Fredette

(February 19, 1933 - June 13, 2010)

Reverend Joseph Albert Fredette, AA, (Augustinians of the Assumption) 77, of Lynn Township, Michigan passed away Sunday, June 13, 2010. Joseph Albert Fredette was born on February 19, 1933 in Waltham, Massachusetts, the son of Louis A., Sr. and Blanche F. Fredette.



He was a resident of Lynn Township for the past seven years on a farm owned by Delores & Larry Stroman. Fr. Joseph was ordained to the priesthood on March 19, 1960 and, having been a priest for 50 years, celebrated his golden jubilee this past spring at Sacred Heart Church in Imlay City. A professed member of the Assumptionist Order for 57 years, Father served in various posts for the Assumptionists throughout North America and in Europe. He also founded the Hermits of Mercy in New Brunswick, Canada. Father was recognized by everyone who knew him locally as an extremely gentle and genuinely spiritual man. He had a special love of gardening and caring for trees - particularly for an apple grove on the Stroman farm. Fluent in French and Spanish, Father earned his doctoral degree from the St. Elias Orthodox School of Theology. He wrote and translated many scholarly works, right up to the time of his death. Father Fredette was a recognized expert on the eremitical lifestyle and philosophy. He is survived by close friends Ray and Crystal Long of Imlay City. Father Fredette is preceded in death by his parents and 6 brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, lying in state at 11:00AM. Mass will follow at Noon, presided by Rev. Dennis Gallager, AA, Regional Superior of the Augustinians of the Assumption. Burial to follow at St. Anne's Cemetery in Sturbridge, MA. There will also be a 7:30 p.m. rosary with Father Mondragon at Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Imlay City, Thursday, June 17th.