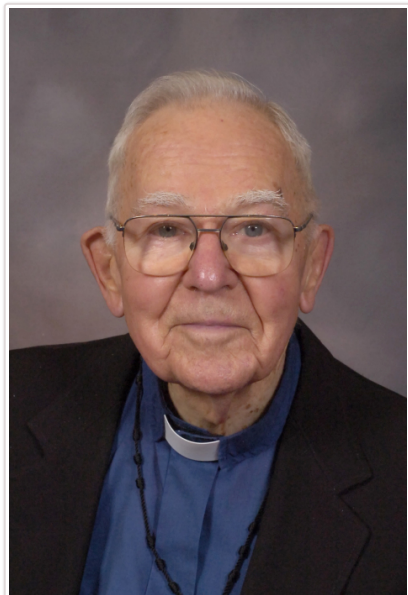


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Reverend Arthur H. Hoppe

February 26, 1921 ~ September 26, 2019 (age 98)



Reverend Arthur H. Hoppe, age 98, died September 26, 2019 at his residence at CentraCare in Melrose, Minnesota.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Freeport, Minnesota on Wednesday, October 2 at 11 a.m. with The Most Reverend Donald Kettler presiding. Burial will be in Saint Patrick Cemetery in Melrose.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 to 10:45 a.m. at the church in Freeport. A Vigil Service will be held at 7 p.m. and a rosary at 8 p.m. by the Catholic United Financial Tuesday evening.

Arthur Herman Hoppe was born on February 26, 1921, in Melrose, Minnesota. He was the son of Anton and Theresa (Fichtinger) Hoppe. Father Hoppe attended Saint Patrick and Saint Boniface Grade Schools and Public High School in Melrose. His college and seminary training were at Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN and Saint Paul Seminary, Saint Paul, MN. Father Hoppe was ordained by The Most Reverend Joseph F. Busch at the Cathedral of Saint Mary in Saint Cloud, MN on May 31, 1947. He celebrated his First Mass at the Church of Saint Patrick in Melrose on June 8, 1947.

Father Hoppe served in the following pastoral assignments: associate pastor, Assumption, Morris, July 1947-July 1950; Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud, July 1950-July 1951; pastor, St. Patrick, Minden, January 1955-June 1958; St. Nicholas, Belle River, June 1958-June 1961; St. John Nepomuk, Lastrup, June 1961-November 1965; St. Louis, Paynesville, November 1965-July 1971; St. Mary, Alexandria, July 1971-June 1983; St. Wendelin, Luxemburg, June 1983-July 1989; St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa, July 1989-July 1999. Father Hoppe retired on July 1, 1999.

Father Hoppe served as Director of Assumption and Calvary Cemeteries in St. Cloud, Director of St. Cloud Bookshop, and secretary to Bishop Peter W. Bartholome from July 1951 until June 1958. He was also Dean of the Alexandria Deanery from August 1980 through June 1985, and member of the Liturgy and Music Commission from December 1969 through December 1971. After retirement, Father Hoppe presided at the Latin Mass in Flensburg from 1999-2013.

Father Hoppe's family remembers him as a "down-to-earth" man who enjoyed simple family activities. In high school, he was the catcher on the baseball team and enjoyed following the Minnesota Twins. For many years, he along with family and friends, enjoyed deer and pheasant hunting and the wholesome meat that resulted. Fishing the many lakes and rivers of Minnesota brought him time for quiet reflection and

Services

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MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Wednesday

October 2, 2019

11:00 AM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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delicious dinners. Father Hoppe also appreciated cars with 'zip', as he would say, as this reduced driving time during his frequent visits to family in other parts of the country. During those visits he was always eager to be part of any family activities. His steady presence and good cheer are still cherished by the whole family.

Father Hoppe is survived by nine nieces and nephews of the Schwarzmeier family in Wisconsin and Oklahoma, and by nephew, Paul Hoppe and his family of Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

Father Hoppe was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert; two sisters, Rose Marie Schwarzmeier and Viola Hoppe; one niece; and two nephews.

Guest Book



A candle was lit by **Patrica Fischbach Temple** on September 29, 2019 12:00 PM

Father officiated at our wedding 50 years ago. When i sa him at my mom (Rita Hoppe) s funeral i said ,"you married me!" His quick reply was, " that would be against my vows! " I had to change my wording! RIP faithful servant.



A candle was lit by **Jeff Hoppe** on September 27, 2019 3:34 PM

My deepest sympathies to the family of Father Arthur.



A candle was lit by **Gene und Rosie Schwarzmeier** on September 26, 2019 9:57 PM

Eternally rest in peace, dearest Uncle Art.

Message from **Gene und Rosie Schwarzmeier**

September 26, 2019 9:55 PM

Uncle Art always exhibited great reverence and deep knowledge, not just of Catholic doctrine, but of general knowledge. His sonorous voice and appreciation for the Mass in Latin was greatly liked by me, and I'm sure, others.

His counsel was wise, his intelligence was manifest, his kind demeanor was welcome by all. I regret that I didn't have enough opportunity to share experiences with him. I always felt humble in his presence, as I'm sure all of us nephews and nieces did. Dominus vobiscum.

Message from **Alan & Milissa (Fussy) Walz**

September 29, 2019 9:05 PM

Father Hoppe will be greatly missed. He has been a special part of many of our family gatherings and holidays. We will always remember the joyous Christmas Eves we have spent together before he would leave to celebrate midnight mass. He has outlived many of the older members of our family and this Christmas we would like to think of them all celebrating Christmas at home with God. His humility, wisdom, and joy have been a wonderful example of God's love for our family and all who knew him. We give thanks to God for the gift of Father Hoppe!