

## Rev. James Rizer

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A memorial service will be conducted June 20 for the **Rev. James Lee Rizer** of Richmond, formerly of Williamsburg, who died June 8 while undergoing heart surgery in a Roanoke hospital. He was 81.

Born in Syracuse, N.Y., the son of the late Helen M. and **James L. Rizer**, **Rev. Rizer** served parishes in Richmond for 10 years. He also served at St. Bede's Catholic Church in Williamsburg during 1977-80.

He became a priest at age 42 and began his work at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Richmond in the 1960s. He was ordained by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond in 1950.

**Rev. Rizer** served at Our Lady of Nazareth in Roanoke and continued his work at St. Mary Star of the Sea at Fort Monroe, Hampton; Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament in Port Richmond, (West Point); St. Mary's in Alexandria and Blessed Sacrament in Norfolk.

He served at St. Parick's Church in Richmond during 1962-64 and with St. Elizabeth's Church in Richmond during 1964-72. He had been a resident of Lynchburg since his retirement in 1980.

**Rev. Rizer** is survived by his sister, Harriet Warren of Hampton and one brother, John **Rizer** of Hampton.

The memorial service will be conducted at 9 a.m. June 20 at St. Bede's Catholic Church.

A Christian wake was conducted Sunday at Holy Cross Church in Lynchburg. A mass of Christian burial was conducted Monday at Holy Cross Church. Burial was Tuesday in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Richmond.