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## Reverend Father Charles J. Strelick

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MARQUETTE, MI – Reverend Father Charles J. Strelick, 87, Senior Priest of the Diocese of Marquette, Mich., entered into eternal life on April 7,

2017 at Northbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Brooksville, Florida.

Fr. Strelick was born on February 12, 1930 in Iron Mountain, Mich., son of the late John J. and Ann A. (Latterel) Strelick. In 1944, he began seminary studies at St. Lawrence Seminary in Fond du Lac, Wis., continuing at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, Mich.

On June 2, 1956, Father was ordained to the priesthood at St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette, Mich., by the Most Reverend Thomas L. Noa. Following ordination, Father began his ministry in the diocese, serving at St. Patrick Parish Escanaba in 1956, then at St. Michael Parish Marquette, 1961.

In September 1962, he was granted a leave of absence to study Canon Law in Rome, Italy where he attended the Lateran University receiving a Juris Canonici Licentia advanced graduate degree in Canon Law.

Upon returning to the United States, Father was appointed Officialis of the Diocese of Marquette and Moderator of the Curia. During this time, in 1965 he was also appointed administrator of St. Mary Parish, Big Bay and administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Champion.

In 1969, he was named pastor of St. Augustine, Republic and in 1971, pastor of St. Louis the King Parish, Harvey.

He was appointed Executive Director and Treasurer of the Bishop Baraga Association between 1971 and 1977. In December of 1977 he was relieved of his appointment as Officialis and appointed Administrator of the Diocese serving until May 1978. In May 1978 he returned to Vicar for Canonical Affairs of the Marriage Tribunal, Officialis and Co-Chancellor of the Diocese.

Other appointments beginning in 1981 were, Diocesan Director of Cemeteries and a member of the Diocesan Finance Council.

In 1991 Father was appointed pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Ishpeming until his retirement to Senior Priest status on June 29, 1995.

Fr. Strelick retired to Spring Hill, Florida. For a number of years, he assisted at St. Francis Cabrini Parish and other area churches until his vision prevented him from continuing his ministries.

He is survived by his brother, Gerald J. (Eunice) Strelick of Richardson, Tex., two sisters Anita (the late Gordon) Everson of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mary (the late James) Jeske of Marquette, Mich. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Fr. Strelick was preceded in death by one sister Ann T. Strelick of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church, Iron Mountain, Mich. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. at the church with the Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, as principal celebrant. Most Reverend James H. Garland, Bishop Emeritus and Fr. Janusz Romanek, along with other priests of the diocese will concelebrate. Members of the 4th degree Knights of Columbus #1585 will act as honor guard. The family along with the Knights of Columbus will act as pallbearers. Burial will be in Cemetery Park, Iron Mountain.

You may light a candle in remembrance of Fr. Strelick or leave a condolence for his family online at [www.JacobsFuneralHomes.com](http://www.JacobsFuneralHomes.com).

The family has chosen the Jacobs Funeral Home, Iron Mountain, to honor Fr. Strelick's legacy of life.

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