

### **Rev. Orville F. DeCoursey, Native Of Edina, Died Saturday, Burial Here**

The Rev. Orville F. DeCoursey, a native of Edina who was ordained a Catholic priest May 30, 1931, died Saturday evening, Nov. 7, 1964, in Fairfield, Iowa, where he had been the last 16½ years. He was 62 years old and had been in ill health several months.

The body was brought yesterday afternoon to St. Joseph Church here to lie in state until 10 o'clock this morning when requiem mass was held with the Rev. Francis C. Henricksen of Fairfield officiating. Rosary services were at 7:30 o'clock yesterday evening. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery under the direction of the Kriegshauser Funeral Home here.

He is survived by two brothers, Louis DeCoursey of Ft. Madison, Iowa, and Charles DeCoursey, Jr., of St. Louis.

Rev. DeCoursey was the second son of Charles and Frances Blessington De Coursey, and received his early education in St. Joseph School. The family moved to Ft. Madison in 1923 and Rev. DeCoursey was the first from the Sacred Heart parish there to enter the priesthood and one of several from St. Joseph Parish. He was ordained by the Right Rev. Henry P. Rohlman, D. D., at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at Davenport, Iowa, read his first Solemn Mass the following morning, Trinity Sunday, at the Church of the Sacred Heart in Ft. Madison, and the following Sunday was the celebrant here at St. Joseph Church. He was an assistant pastor at St. Mary's parish in West Point, Iowa, and taught in St. Mary's High School and grade school for more than a year when he was appointed to the position of professor of Greek at St. Ambrose College in Davenport, later returning to Ft. Madison and then to Fairfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his mother, Aug. 9, 1954, and his father Jan. 28, 1955.