Obituaries



Keith M. Kuiper

JEROME - The Rev. Keith Michael Kuiper, 46, pastor of St. Jerome's Catholic Church, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1990, at his home of an apparent heart attack.

He was born Nov. 13; 1943, in Ashton, Iowa, the son of Daniel G. and Leone Kuiper. He attended schools in Iowa and then attended Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa. He graduated from Mount Angel Seminary College and Mt. Angel School of Theology in Oregon. He was then ordained a Roman Catholic priest on Nov. 29, 1974, for the Diocese of Boise.

He served as associate pastor at the Sacred Heart Parish in Boise, St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls and the Holy Rosary Parish in Idaho Falls. He served as chaplain at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise and St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewiston. In June of 1982 he became pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Cottonwood. He then served as co-pastor at Holy Rosary in 1987 and in June of 1988 was assigned as pastor of St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome.

The Rev. Kuiper served as a member of the Diocesan Personnel Board from 1979 to 1982. He also served as chaplain at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome and was a member of the pastoral care team at St. Benedict's. He was a member of the Jerome Rotary Club, the Jerome Rural Volunteer Fire Department, was president of the Jerome Ministerial Association and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his father of Ashton, Iowa; three brothers, Brian Kuiper of Granville, Iowa; Gary Kuiper of Grand Coulee, Wash., and Douglas Kuiper of Alexandria, Minn.; and one sister, Deborah Pippin of Flagstaff, Ariz. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1986.

A wake service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with Bishop Tod D. Brown, Bishop of Boise officiating. Rosary and Mass will also be held in Cottonwood. Burial will be Tuesday in Cottonwood. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until the time of the wake service Sunday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church.