

The Rev. Joseph F. Griffin,

75, of Dubuque, formerly of Cedar Rapids, died Monday, June 7, 1999, in Stonehill Care Center, Dubuque, of heart disease. Services: 10 a.m. Friday, St. Raphael's Cathedral, Dubuque. Burial: 3 p.m. Friday, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery, Lawler. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the cathedral, where there will be a vigil service at 7 p.m. Arrangements by Egelhof, Siegert, Casper & Westview Funeral Home, Dubuque.

Survivors include a sister, Helen Ferelman of Washington State.

Also surviving are four nieces, Pat Nelson, Mary Jo Schmitt, Jeanne Sheely and Sally Cole and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Mary.

Joseph F. Griffin was born Sept. 15, 1923, in Lawler, the son of Frank A. and Baptista M. Griffin. He received his college education at Loras College, Dubuque. His seminary training was received at Mount St. Mary of the West, Norwood, Ohio. He did graduate work at St. Louis University in St. Louis, Mo. Father Griffin was ordained a priest on Dec. 20, 1947, at Christ the King Chapel, Loras College, Dubuque, by Archbishop Henry P. Rohlman for service in the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

Father Griffin served as associate pastor at Holy Ghost, Dubuque (1948-1954); St. Mary, Waterloo (1954-1955); St. Patrick, Dubuque.

Father Griffin served as pastor of Immaculate Conception, Cedar Rapids (1958-1960); Sts. Peter and Paul, Gilbert and Good Shepherd, Jewell (1960-1969); Visitation, Stacyville (1969-1972); St. Mary, Waterloo (1972-1979); St. John the Evangelist, Coggon (1979-1981); St. Patrick, Clear Lake (1981-1982); St. Patrick, Buffalo Center and Sacred Heart, Woden (1983-1984); and St. Joseph, Earlville (1984-1988).

Father Griffin served as chaplain at Immaculate Conception Academy, Dubuque (1957), and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Mason City (1988-1993).

Father Griffin retired in 1993, and lived at Immaculate Conception, Cedar Rapids; the Villa Raphael, Dubuque; and Stonehill Care Center, Dubuque.