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MCALLEN, TEXAS
Ronald Reicks

Jun 26, 2024



1942-2024

Ronald J. Frankl Reicks was born Oct. 17, 1942, in Carroll, Iowa, to Larry and Adeline (Renze) Reicks. The oldest of five children, he attended Sts. Peter and Paul Grade School and Kuemper High School, graduating in 1960. Ron continued his education at Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, and then Mount St. Bernard Seminary, being ordained a priest in 1968.

His guiding light came from two verses of Scripture: "I came that you may have life, life to the full." (John 10:10). "I set before you life and death ... choose life that you may live" (Deut 30:19). The struggle to continually choose life led him for 28 years as a priest to minister as teacher and administrator in Catholic schools throughout northwest Iowa as well as pastor in several parishes. Alongside that period of service he traveled to Germany, Africa, India and the Philippines to work with diocesan priests in developing their spirituality and a sense of community.

After less than a year as a missionary in Bolivia, South America, the call to Choose Life led to his marriage to Janella Frankl in 1996. Together they continued their ministry by working in the nursing home industry, caring for the elderly folks of South Texas and preparing them for the fullness of life in heaven. From 2008-2013,

Ron accompanied Janella in caring for her own parents in Iowa. After their deaths, he retired with Janella, returning to their beloved South Texas, where they continued to care for elderly friends and neighbors. He died following an illness on Monday, June 3, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his father, Larry; mother, Adeline; brother Jim; and brother-in-law Joe Johll.

Left to celebrate his choice of new life are his loving wife, Janella; one brother, Father Allan, of Carroll; two sisters, Diane (Stan) Mahoney of Burlington, Iowa, and Gail Johll of Johnston, Iowa; sister-in-law Helen (Martin) Reicks; and numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

In keeping with his wishes, his body has been donated to Genesis Medical Education and Research Institute in Memphis, Tennessee, so that others may Choose Life. In lieu of flowers or donations, contributions can be made to Unbound, 1 Elmwood Ave., Kansas City, KS 66103 to support young students and elderly in Third World countries find hope and freedom in choosing a new life.