

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Rev. F.A. Schmitt, pastor at Franklin

Services for the Rev. Frederick A. Schmitt, 58, Indianapolis, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Franklin, and a teacher at Cathedral High School, will be in St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Franklin.

Father Schmitt died Dec. 30 in Cologne, West Germany, while accompanying about 30 high school and college students on a tour of West Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Among those on the holiday tour were several students from Cathedral, where Schmitt had taught German and had served as a student counselor since 1986.

"Father Schmitt was very fond of Germany in particular and he felt that if students were interested, he'd give them a chance to see such a beautiful country," said Cathedral principal Michael D. McGinley.

"The (Catholic) Archdiocese of Indianapolis has lost a tremendous educator and a great priest," McGinley said.

Schmitt was a former superintendent of Roncalli High School and a former teacher at Sceecina High School.

After his ordination May 11, 1959, in St. Meinrad, he began his teaching career at Schulte High School, Terre Haute.

He was named chaplain of the Catholic Student Center at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis in 1974. He was pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in 1976-77, and later in 1977, was named pastor of Little Flower Catholic Church.

He left Little Flower in 1985 for health reasons, but resumed pastoral duties in 1986 at St.



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Rose of Lima, where he was pastor at the time of his death.

He had served as part time associate pastor at St. Phillip Neri, Holy Cross, Little Flower and Nativity parishes.

Flinn & Maguire Funeral Home, Franklin, is handling arrangements.

Survivor — brother Joseph Schmitt.

Rudolph Thurman

Rudolph Thurman, 59, Indianapolis, died Monday in West 10th Street Division of Roubush VA Medical Center. He was a member of Northside Wesleyan Methodist Church. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the church. Calling will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday in Lavenia's Home for Funerals. Burial will be in New Crown Cemetery. Survivors — wife Elizabeth "Susie" Thurman; daughters Sue K. Daniels, Ruth Louise Thurman, Pamela Jean Hastings, Edna Elizabeth Thurman; sons Rudolph Jr., the Rev. Charles Wesley Thurman; sisters Dorothy Cousin, Edna P. Rowley, Marie Roberts, Mary Dinwiddie, Dolores Moore, Marcella Mackey; brothers Johnson Jr., Elmore Thurman; 12 grandchildren.