

**REV. DONALD A. BRUNEAU**

Reverend Donald A. Bruneau, 65, died Thursday, June 2, 1994.

Father Bruneau was born Jan. 2, 1929, in Winooski, the son of the late Napoleon J. and Dolores (Villemaire) Bruneau.

He attended St. Francis Xavier Grammar School in Winooski, Cathedral High School in Burlington (1942-1946), St. Michael's College (1946-1948), the Seminary of Philosophy, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (1948-1950), and the Grand Seminary of Montreal (1950-1954).

Father Bruneau was ordained by Bishop Edward F. Ryan in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Burlington on June 5, 1954. Father Bruneau was assigned as assistant at Holy Family

in Essex Junction (1954-1959), Holy Angels in St. Albans (1959-1961), and St. Anthony in Burlington (1961-1965).

His first pastorate was at St. Theresa in Gilman (1965-1968), followed by St. James in Island Pond (1968-1975), St. Thomas in Underhill Center (1975-1981), and St. Anthony in Burlington from 1981 until his death.

His diocesan responsibilities included being a member of the Diocesan Building Commission (1968-1975 and 1983 to present); chairman of the Permanent Diaconate Board Screening Committee (1985 to present); Vermont Cursillo spiritual director (1978-1986); Bishop's Health Advisory Board (1984 to present).

At the time of his death, he was a longtime member of the Rice Memorial School Board and he was dean of the Burlington Deanery. He also served as chaplain and captain of Vermont Army National Guard, 86th Brigade (1960-1968).

Father Bruneau is survived by a brother, Roger P. Bruneau and his wife, Ellen, of Waterbury Center; two nieces, Mary Ellen Bruneau of Waterbury and Jeannette Bisson and her husband, Jerry, of Moretown; a great-nephew, Joshua Bruneau of Waterbury; two aunts, Mrs. Emma Myers of Bar Harbor, Maine, and Mrs. Cecile Villemaire of Winooski; and many cousins. He was predeceased by his father in 1989 and his mother in 1978.

A parish celebration in honor of Father Bruneau's 40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination will be celebrated in St. Anthony Catholic Church on Sunday at 4 p.m. by Rev. Michel J. St. Pierre. Father Bruneau will lie in state at St. Anthony Church until 9 p.m. Sunday, and Monday from 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday at 11 a.m. with Bishop Kenneth A. Angell as principal celebrant. The homilist will be Rev. John C. Ledoux. Burial will take place in St. Thomas Cemetery in Underhill Center at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Francis R. Prive presiding. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Vermont Catholic Charities, 351 North Ave., Burlington, Vt. 05401. Arrangements are by LaVigne Funeral Home, 132 Main St., Winooski.