

Rev. Forrest W. Rouelle

SOUTH HERO, VT. - The Rev. Forrest William Rouelle, 70, died March 25, 1998 in South Hero.

He was born in Montpelier, a son of Leon G. and Alma (Mathieu) Rouelle, and had attended St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt., and the Seminaire de Philosophie and Grand Seminary in Montreal.

He was ordained in the Roman Catholic priesthood April 7, 1956, and had served several Vermont parishes, including St. Anthony's in Bethel from 1970-75 and St. Francis of Assisi in Windsor from 1962-65 and 1975-88. From 1988 until the time of his death, he was pastor at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish in Newport, Vt.

Among the offices he held were chaplain at the Vermont State Prison in Windsor from 1962-65, chaplain at the Veterans Affairs hospital in White River Junction from 1978-80, and dean of the Windsor Deanery from 1986-88.

The Rev. Rouelle was the recipient of various awards: Windsor Area Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award in 1964, Vermont Elks Association Citation in 1966, Vermont Council of Human Concerns Citation in 1976, and a certificate of appreciation from the Vermont Department of Corrections in 1984.

Survivors include three brothers, Albert Rouelle of New Britain, Conn., Francis Rouelle of Accomac, Va., and Leon Rouelle of Calais, Vt.; a sister, Katherine Thurber of Montpelier; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by five brothers, Guy, James, Charles, Robert and Alfred.