



**FATHER AIKEN**  
The Reverend Roy Aiken, assistant pastor of St. Peter's Church, Columbia, S. C.

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# Rev Roy Francis Aiken

**BIRTH** 28 Nov 1920  
Greenville, Greenville County, South Carolina, USA

**DEATH** 4 Jul 2006 (aged 85)  
West Columbia, Lexington County, South Carolina, USA

**BURIAL** [Saint Peter's Cemetery](#)  
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WEST COLUMBIA - Mass of Christian Burial for Rev. Msgr. Roy Francis Aiken will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 10, 2006, in St. Peter's Catholic Church. Bishop Robert Baker will celebrate the liturgy. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The Wake and Rosary Service will be held at 7:15 p.m. Sunday, July 9 at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Thompson Funeral Home of West Columbia is handling arrangements.

Msgr. Aiken passed from this life on Tuesday, July 4, 2006 at Still Hopes Episcopal Home. Msgr. Aiken was the son of Newman and Ellie Pressley Aiken.

He was born November 28, 1918 in Greenville, South Carolina.

A graduate of Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, Msgr. received his theological degree from Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland. He was ordained a priest in 1946 by Most Rev. Emmet M. Walsh, Bishop of Charleston at St. Francis de Sales Church in New York City. During the course of his service in the Diocese of Charleston, Msgr. Aiken served as pastor in Walterboro and Aiken as well as pastor at St. Peter Church in Columbia, St. John in Summerville and St. Mary, Help of Christians in Aiken. He was also Secretary to Bishop Russell in Charleston, first editor of the Diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Banner as well as serving on the faculties of Ursuline High School in Columbia, Cardinal Newman High School in Columbia, and St. Angela Academy in Aiken. Msgr. Aiken served as Director of Finances for the Diocese of Charleston, on the Board of Directors of the North American Liturgical Association and as President of the Summerville Chamber of Commerce.

Following retirement in 1993, he served at Our Lady of The Hills Catholic Church, St. Joseph Catholic Church and Cardinal Newman High School in Columbia. Msgr. had two brothers, James who is deceased and Edward. Special family members include Agnes Sterker and Helen and Joseph Crifasi of Hackettstown, NJ. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Joseph Crifasi and Mrs. Agnes Sterker at 122 Kings Highway, Hackettstown, NJ 07840.

Gratitude is expressed to the personnel of Still Hopes Episcopal Home and Hospice Care of Tri-County for the loving care they demonstrated as well as to the many friends who were so frequently with him at Still Hopes.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1896, Columbia, SC 29201.