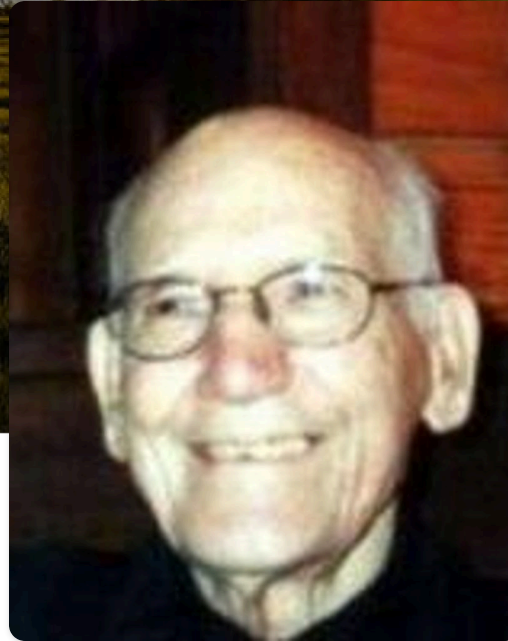


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Rev. William Clair Burn

March 11, 2022 — May 29, 2009

Father William Clair Burn, a retired Catholic Priest of the Diocese of Charleston and who served for a number of years in the chaplaincy of the local Veterans Administration Medical Center, died on Friday, May 29, 2009. Fr. Burn was the second oldest of five sons born to Lockwood Joseph Burn and Louise Clair Burn. He was born on Saturday, March 11, 1922 in Charleston. None of the four brothers, Lockwood, Francis, Robert and Gerald survive him. Fr. Burn received his formal education at St. Anthony in Birmingham, AL and St. Luke in Gary, IN. He was also a graduate of the Mitchell School, the High School of Charleston and the College of Charleston. Fr. Burn's formal seminary education and training were pursued at St. Philip Neri in Haverhill, MA and at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, MD. Fr. Burn was ordained in Charleston by Bishop John J. Russell, on May 25, 1956, along with others. In various Catholic Parishes throughout South Carolina, he served as both assistants and pastors. Fr. Burn also worked in the diocesan archives. Before his college career, Fr. Burn volunteered and served in the U.S. Navy for three and a half years, during World War II. He also served three years after the war in the local Navy Reserves. Fr. Burn is survived by his sisters-in-law, the widows of his deceased brothers and nephews and nieces, the children of the same deceased brothers. In lieu of flowers please consider memorial contribution to the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Building Fund, 5 St. Teresa Dr. Charleston, SC 29407 or to a charity of your choice.

Guestbook

I met Father Burn while my husband was in the VA hospital. My husband spent almost 6 months there, most of it in intensive care in a coma. Father Burn was always there to comfort me as I stay at the hospital 24/7 sleeping in the waiting room. I can't count the number of times we prayed. One day after about the 3rd month, I was in the waiting room alone and someone had left me some of the delicious chicken wings from snack bar for a supper meal. Now, I have a problem eating chicken wings cause I can't tear them apart (all my life my family would do this for me) I was crying so hard Father Burn came to ask if something has happened to my husband. I told him I couldn't eat cause I could tear the wings apart. He simply took the box of wings, tore them apart and placed them back in my lap and said he would go check on Cash, my husband. Father Burn was there almost everyday Cash was there and always stopped to comfort us. My husband will be one of the first to greet Father Burn in heaven.

PAT SAULS

Jun 3, 2009

Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family.

MELANIE BRAME

May 30, 2009