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Rev Anthony Michael Brown

BIRTH 22 Sep 1920
Butte, Silver Bow County, Montana, USA

DEATH 3 Nov 2010 (aged 90)
Butte, Silver Bow County, Montana, USA

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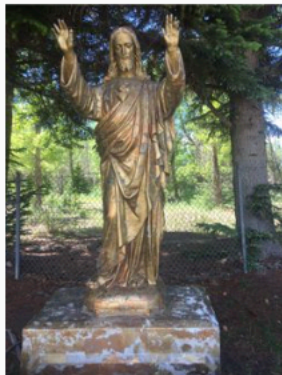
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ANACONDA - Monsignor Anthony Brown, 90, a former president of Carroll College in Helena and the then-College of Great Falls, died of natural causes Wednesday at Butte Care and Rehabilitation Service.

Visitation is 5 p.m. Sunday, followed by a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church. Funeral Mass is noon Monday at Holy Family, with burial at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Anaconda. Longfellow Finnegan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He was born in Butte on Sept. 22, 1920, and the family moved to Anaconda, where he was raised by his mother, Margaret Kelly Brown.

After attending schools at St. Peter's Grade and High School, he joined the Brothers of the Holy Cross in 1938. He taught for several years, and then entered the Sulpician Seminary in Seattle, and was ordained to the priesthood on April 2, 1949.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Notre Dame University in 1943, his master's degree in education from St. Bonaventure in 1953, and a D.Ed. from the University of Montana in 1958. This was followed by a career in teaching and administration at Anaconda Central and Carroll College, where he also was the superintendent of schools for the Dioceses of Helena.

In 1962, he was named president of Carroll College. Under his leadership, new buildings were constructed and the first lay board of trustees was formed. He was named a monsignor during his presidency. He spent a year in administration at St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Minn., and returned to Montana in 1971, to assume the presidency of the College of Great Falls.

After many happy years in Great Falls, he returned to St. Bonaventure, and, at the age of 50, earned a master's degree in mental health. This was followed by a 12-year career as a mental health counselor at the St. James Hospital in Butte.

Over the years he continued his parish ministry in various churches, including St. Peter's in Anaconda, as well as St. Mary's, Immaculate Conception, St. John's and Holy Spirit in Butte.

While he described himself as "Tony Brown, little known Western educator," he received many awards and honors from the University of Montana, Carroll College and Notre Dame. The much-loved priest celebrated his 90th birthday with many friends in September.

Msgr. Brown was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret; and brothers, Father Patrick Brown and Jack.

He will be missed by many of his friends and recent caretakers, who regarded him as "such a wonderful man."

He is survived by his cousins, Dan Reardon and Terry Brown; and friends Mary Jo Leary and Margaret Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memoriam of Msgr. Anthony Brown's name to Carroll College, 1610 N. Benton Ave., Helena, MT 59601.

Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

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