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R. Joseph LeVay BORN: September 23, 1923 DIED: December 30, 2007
LOCATION: Florence, Massachusetts THE REVEREND R. JOSEPH LeVAY, 84, retired Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Hinsdale and St. Matthew's Church in Becket, died Sunday, December 30, at his home, 46 Whittier Street, in Florence, Massachusetts.

Born in Northampton , September 23, 1923, the son of Joseph R. and Dora C. Venne LeVay, he attended elementary school in Leeds and was a 1941 graduate of Northampton High School. He attended St. Charles College in Catonsville, Maryland, and was a graduate of the Seminary of Philosophy and the Grand Seminary of Theology, both in Montreal, Canada.

Fr. LeVay was ordained a Roman Catholic priest on June 3, 1950, at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield by the late Most Rev. Christopher J. Weldon, Bishop of the Springfield Diocese. He received permission to enter the United States Navy as a Chaplain, where he spent three years serving in the Pacific and Great Lakes Naval Hospital He later received permission to enter the United States Air force as a Chaplain where he spent three and a half years serving in Little Rock Arkansas, Germany, Italy, and Lincoln, Nebraska. His first assignment was All Saints Church in Ware, as Assistant Pastor. Upon his return from military service, Fr. LeVay served as Assistant Pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Hope parishes, both in Springfield, and a short stay at St. Mary's Church in Orange, Massachusetts. On February 27, 1971, Fr. LeVay came to Hinsdale to serve as Pastor of St. Patrick's Church there and at St. Matthew's Church in Becket. This was his only parish as Pastor. He retired in 2003. Fr. LeVay is survived by two brothers, Rene J. "Mac", and Bradley J and his wife, Carolyn; two sisters, Pearl D. and Rita L., and many nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by two brothers, Paul LeVay and Roland LeVay, and two sisters, Fern M. LeVay and Martha Landry.

FUNERAL NOTICE: A Liturgy of Christian Burial for REV. R. JOSEPH LeVAY, who entered into eternal life peacefully at his home on Sunday, December 30, will be Friday, January 4, at 10:00 a.m., at Our Lady of the Hills Parish at St. Mary's Church in Haydenville, celebrated by Most Rev. Timothy A. McDonnell, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield. Burial will follow in St. Mary of the Assumption Cemetery in Haydenville. Fr. LeVay will lie in state at St. Patrick's Church in Hinsdale on Thursday, January 3, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service to follow at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Fr. LeVay may be made to the Sisters of the Visitation in Tyringham, Massachusetts, or to the V.N.A./Hospice of Cooley-Dickinson, both in care of Dery-Foley Funeral Home, 890 East Main Street, Dalton, MA 01226.