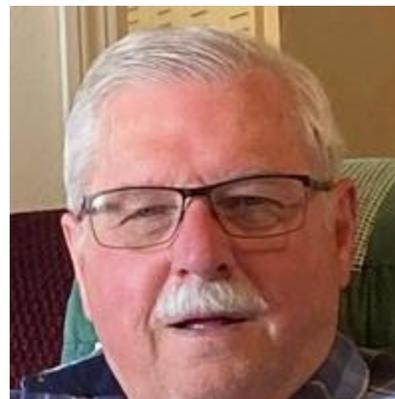


Seger Funeral Home, Inc. - Atkinson

Donald M. Cleary

(December 9, 1944 - March 24, 2025)

Donald M. Cleary age 80 of Omaha Nebraska passed away on Monday, March 24, 2025.



Don was born on December 9, 1944, in Atkinson, Nebraska to Alex and Ella (Mlinar) Cleary. He attended St. Joseph elementary school until 1958 when the family moved to Elgin Nebraska. Don attended Saint Bonaventure school in Elgin until 1962, then attended St. John Vianney seminary in Elkhorn Nebraska, where he graduated in 1963. Don studied two years of Theology at St. John Vianney and then attended St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he received his degree.

Don was ordained to the Catholic priesthood on Saturday, May 29, 1971, by Archbishop Daniel Sheehan, Archbishop of Omaha and ceremonies at St. Cecilia's Cathedral in Omaha. Don then celebrated his first mass on Pentecost Sunday on May 30, 1971, at St Joseph's Church in Atkinson, Nebraska.

Don served as an associate pastor in Omaha at Holy Cross Parish, Christ the King Parish, and St. Peter Parish. He was director of campus ministry and co-coordinator of religious programs at the former Paul VI High School in Omaha, while in residence at nearby St. Patrick Parish.

He began serving rural parishes as an associate pastor at Saint Patrick in O'Neill, pastor of St. John the Baptist in Fordyce and St. Joseph in Constance, St. Mary in Wayne, St. Peter in Fullerton and St. Peter in Clarks, NE, St. Charles Borromeo in North Bend and St. Leo in Snyder, St. Boniface in Elgin, NE and, retired and was in residence at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Omaha from 2015-18.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Alex and Ella; and by his brothers: Bill Cleary, Frank Cleary and twin brother Dan Cleary.

He is survived by his sister Ruth (Jim) Hausmann of Kearney; and his brother Tom (Helen) Cleary of Columbus; and many nieces and nephews.

Don performed many baptisms, weddings, and funerals over the years for family and friends. Don was a wonderful son, brother, uncle, and great uncle; and a great friend to so many.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Monday, March 31, 2025, at 12 Noon with VISITATION beginning at 11:00AM, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 5419 N. 114th St., Omaha.

INTERMENT: Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 2:00PM, St. Joseph Cemetery, Atkinson, NE.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Elementary School, Atkinson, NE.