

Rev. Robert Smith, 58, formerly of Springfield

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The Rev. Robert J. Smith, 58, formerly of Springfield, Mass., associate pastor for the Church of the Holy Ghost, died Thursday in Albuquerque.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of Cathedral High School, and attended the LaSalette Seminary for six years, before serving with the Navy in the Korean War.

After discharge from the Navy, he attended Christ the King Seminary, New York State. After graduation he accepted a teaching position in St. Gaul Parish school system, Chicago.

He later attended Assumption Seminary, San Antonio, Texas, where he completed his studies in theology. He was ordained as a priest by the late Archbishop John Davis at the Church of the Annun-

ciation, Albuquerque, in 1969.

He served at that church until his transfer to the Church of the Holy Ghost.

He leaves his stepmother, Pauline Smith Belba of Deep River, Conn.

The funeral will be Wednesday morning in Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Calling hours at T.P. Sampson Co. Chapel of the Acres will be Tuesday evening.

Memorial contributions may be made to Propagation of the Faith, care of the Diocese of Springfield, 76 Elliot St., Springfield, or to the American Diabetes Association, 190 North St., Natick 01760.