

OBITUARY

Joseph Anderson

FR. JOSEPH K. ANDERSON OSB, former pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church, died Wednesday May 8, 2002, in Las Cruces.

Visitation will be Monday afternoon from 2 to 5 at Baca's Funeral Chapel with a prayer vigil to begin at 7 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church. A Concelebrated Funeral Mass will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church. Fr. Anderson will be returning to his home monastery in Benet Lake, Wisconsin where interment will take place.

Fr. Anderson was born April 16, 1928 in Brooklyn, New York to Joseph and Florence Anderson and was raised in Bay Shore, New York. He was ordained into the Order of St. Benedict (OSB) in 1954 and from 1960 to 1963 his calling was missionary work in El Salvador. In 1963 he entered the United States Army at Ft. Bliss,

Texas from which he retired as Lieutenant Colonel in 1992.

Fr. Anderson was Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Deming from 1992 to 1999 and then retired to Las Cruces in 2000. During his ministry he had a special affinity for helping the poor and ministering at the Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility, Sunrise Nursing Home, and to area residents of Deming and Las Cruces.

Fr. Anderson is survived by his sister, Marie Mangas of Las Cruces; nephews, James and Brian Mangas; nieces, Kathleen Roddy, Marta Frassanito, Michelle Mangas, Eva Mangas, and Rachel Mangas; grand nieces and nephews, William, Sara, Robert, and Kathleen Roddy, Megan and Robert Frassanito. Fr. Anderson was preceded in death by a nephew, Jon Mangus.

Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Deming.