

OBITUARIES

Rev. Gerald P. Ruane

Priest with abundant love for family and friends will be remembered for his generous spirit, sense of humor, and wise counsel

Reverend Gerald P. Ruane, 81, of Brick, N.J., passed away on Aug. 15, 2015, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

Rev. Ruane was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J., in 1960. He was a priest at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Orange, N.J., pastor of the Holy Trinity Church in Westfield, N.J., professor and chaplain at Caldwell College in Caldwell, N.J., and director and founder of the Sacred Heart Institute in Caldwell until his retirement in 2004.

Gerald was much more than a priest. He lived a dynamic life. He was a gifted speaker and the author of many books. With a love for travel, he often led spiritual retreats to Rome, the Holy Land, and Medjugorje.

His abundant love for family and friends was evident through frequent visits and gatherings for meals, prayers, Masses, and intriguing conversation. He was well known and loved for his various inspirational

community and fellowship work, most recently with Alcoholics Anonymous.

He generously shared his spirit, time, witty sense of humor, and counsel, all of which will never to be forgotten.

Gerald was predeceased by his parents, Gerald J. and Winifred Ruane, and a brother, John J. Ruane. He is survived by his loving siblings, Marie Toohey, Ann Ruane Minton, Elenore Manger, and Donald Ruane, and many nieces and nephews.

Services and burial will be held in the privacy of his family and friends. Arrangements are by the Farmer Funeral Home, 45 Roseland Ave., Roseland, N.J. Memories and condolences may be shared at farmerfuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gerald's memory to St. Catherine of Siena, Community Health Center, Sisters of Saint Dominic, 7 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, N.J. 07006.