

Area deaths

Fr. Robert G. Smith

Fr. Robert Gordon Smith died Tuesday at the Munsen Medical Center, Traverse City. He was 70 years old.

Fr. Smith was born Oct. 10, 1909 in Grand Haven, the son of Robert A. and Laura Smith. He attended Grand Haven High School, Purdue University and St. Nazianz and Sacred Heart of Detroit seminaries. He concluded his studies for the priesthood



Fr. Robert G. Smith

at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C.

Fr. Smith was ordained Feb. 24, 1945 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Saginaw and celebrated his first mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Grand Haven.

Pastoral assignments included St. Joseph parish, Saginaw, from 1945 to 1948, St. Josephs parish, East Tawas, from 1948 to 1951, Our Lady of Lake Huron, Harbor Beach, from 1951 to 1952, St. Francis Cabrini of Vassar, 1952 to 1962, St. Ignatius of Rogers City, 1962 to 1965, and St. Paul's parish, Onaway, 1965 to 1978.

Fr. Smith retired to St. Joseph's parish, Manistee, in 1978. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. W. Preston (Isabel) Bilz, Spring Lake.

Funeral arrangements are through the Herbert Funeral Home, Manistee.