



**FREGO, MR.**  
**MAX J.V.**  
**Grand Haven**

Father Max J.V. Frego, age 81, of Grand Haven, and formerly of Holland, passed away on Friday, January 29, 2010 at the Poppen Hospice Residence in Muskegon. Father Max was preceded in death by his parents, George and Hilda Frego. He was a veteran in the Counter Intelligence Corps during the Korean War. Father Frego attended Washington Public Schools in Holland, MI, graduating from Holland High School. He then went on to attend Hope College in Holland where he received a bachelor's degree and also received a master's degrees from the University of Missouri. He later attended Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, St. Jerome Seminary in Ontario, Canada, and St. John Provincial Major Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan. Father Frego was baptized into the Catholic faith on Sept. 24, 1953 at St. Joseph Parish in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1962 by Bishop Allen J. Babcock at St. Mary Parish in Big Rapids for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. He was incardinated into the Diocese of Saginaw on July 20, 1971. During his priesthood, Father Frego served as assistant pastor at St. Mary Parish in Big Rapids, St. Stephen Parish in East Grand Rapids and St. Adalbert Parish in Grand Rapids. In 1973, he was appointed pastor for St. Cyril Parish in Bannister, where he served until 1983. He then served as pastor for St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Ithaca and St. Martin de Porres Parish in Perrinton from 1983 to 1992 and as pastor at St. Hedwig Parish in Bay City from 1992 until 1994. Father Frego was granted senior priest status (retirement) on July 20, 1994. In his retirement he provided ministry assistance at St. Michael, St. Jean Baptiste, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, and Our Lady of Grace parishes, all in Muskegon, Sacred Heart Parish in Muskegon Heights, St. Ann Parish in Frankfort and St. Joseph in Traverse City. He is survived by his brother and sisters, Don and Arlene Frego of Holland, Patricia and Jack Shinabarger of Holland, Beverly (Harper) and Julius Essenburg of Holland, Phyllis Tomlinson of Washington, IL; several nephews and nieces. A Funeral Mass and Rite of Committal will be 11:00 AM Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church 480 North 152nd Avenue, Holland, Michigan, 49424. Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley will be officiating. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation will be at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 PM (wake prayers at 7:30 PM) and also on Wednesday from 10-11 AM prior to the Funeral Mass. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church or the Poppen Hospice Residence. Arrangements are by Lakeshore Memorial Services. An on-line registry book is available at [www.lakeshorememorial.com](http://www.lakeshorememorial.com).