

Rev. Edward E. Muerder, parish pastor, high school principal

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The Rev. Edward E. Muerder, a former high school principal and longtime pastor of a Catholic parish in North Java, died Tuesday in East Side

Nursing Home, Warsaw. He was 76.

Father Muerder served as principal of Archbishop Walsh High School in Olean during the 1970s and later was pastor of St. Nicholas Parish in North Java for 23 years.

The Buffalo native was a graduate of Diocesan Preparatory School and Our Lady of the Angels Seminary at Niagara University. He also did graduate studies at St. Bonaventure University and the University at Buffalo.

He was ordained in 1958 and served in the missionary apostolate of St. Helen in Hinsdale, as well as weekend assistant at St. Mary in Olean and St. Patrick in Salamanca. He was a chaplain for the Boy Scouts and taught at Bishop Turner High School in the 1960s.

He was named assistant principal at Archbishop Walsh

in 1969 and appointed principal in 1974.

He was named pastor of St. Nicholas in 1982. He picked up additional responsibilities as administrator of St. Joseph in Bliss in 1987 and as pastor of St. Patrick in Java Center in 1993.

Father Muerder retired in 2005.

Survivors include a brother, Thomas.

Bishop Edward U. Kmiec will be celebrant at a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Mary Church, 417 West Main St., Arcade.