

# Rev. Lynn M. Shumway, former Army captain, Latin teacher

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The Rev. Lynn M. Shumway, a former Army captain, Latin teacher and railroad employee who entered

the priesthood late in life, died Wednesday in Niagara Hospice House, Lockport. He was 71.

Born in Niagara Falls, the only child of Melvin and Lucille Shumway, he graduated from the former Sacred Heart Elementary School, Bishop Duffy High School and Niagara University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in classical languages.

He continued his education and earned a master's in education, as well as certification as a secondary school administrator.

Upon graduating from Niagara University, the Rev. Shumway received a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army and in 1971 began his service in the Army Reserve.

He was honorably discharged in 1977 with the

rank of captain.

He taught Latin at Bishop Duffy High School and in the West Seneca School District for eight years. After leaving teaching, he was employed for more than 26 years in the information systems department at the Consolidated Rail Corp.

At age 50, he entered Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora and was ordained a Catholic priest on May 24, 2003, when he was 55.

He served as the parochial vicar of St. Christopher Parish in the Town of Tonawanda; as pastor of St. John de LaSalle Parish in Niagara Falls; and as senior parochial vicar at St. Stephen Parish on Grand Island.

The Rev. Shumway was an avid bowler and golfer in his younger years, but later in life turned his attention to photography and took great pride in his collection of wildlife photos.

He donated his body to the University at Buffalo Anatomical Gift Program.

A Memorial Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. John de LaSalle Church, 8477 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls.