



Rev. Dale Koster

August 19, 1924 - May 31, 2019

Fr. Dale Koster, age 94, of Carroll, died Friday, May 31, 2019 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. The Celebrant will be Most Reverend R. Walker Nickless, Bishop of the Diocese of Sioux City.

Concelebrants will be the Priests of the Diocese of Sioux City. Music will be by Marilyn Hundling and the St. Bernard's Choir. Lector will be Sister LuAnn Hannasch, R.S.M. Gift Bearers will be Alice Thielen, and Anita Hannasch. Casket bearers will be Wade Thielen, Douglas Hannasch, Ray Koster, Lyle Staiert, Loren Schroeder, and Craig Koster. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. The Carroll 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will form an honor guard for the funeral mass.

Friends may call at St. Bernard's Church in Breda after 4 p.m. on Monday, where there will be a Rosary prayed at 5 p.m., and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 7 p.m.

Visitation will resume at the church on Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the Kuemper Catholic School

Foundation.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda, and online condolences may be left for Fr. Dale's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Reverend Dale Koster, the son of Clem and Hazel (Van Erdewyk), was born on August 19, 1924 on the family farm between Arcadia, and Breda, Iowa. He graduated from St. Bernard's High School in Breda in 1942. After high school he worked on the farm for four years before enrolling at Trinity College in Sioux City, he spent one year there before enrolling at Loras College in Dubuque where he lettered in baseball, and graduated in 1950. Fr. Koster then attended Conception Seminary in Conception, Missouri, and he was ordained to Priesthood on May 5, 1954 by Most Reverend Joseph M. Mueller. After his ordination he attended Creighton University in Omaha, where he obtained his Masters of Science Degree, and certification as principal and superintendent in education.

Fr. Koster's assignments as an assistant Pastor included: St. Mary's Parish, Danbury; St. Cecelia's Parish, Algona; Sacred Heart Parish, Templeton; St. Joseph's Parish, Carroll where he also taught at Kuemper Catholic High School for three years. His assignments as Pastor included: Sacred Heart Parish, Alvord, and St. Mary's Parish, Doon; Superintendent of Schools, St. Edmond Catholic High School, Ft. Dodge, 3 years; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Mt. Carmel, 7 years; St. Mary's Parish, Armstrong, 12 years; St. Joseph's Parish, Lohrville, 10 years. Fr. Koster retired from active ministry in 1996. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and playing cards.

Survivors include his siblings: Alma Schroeder of Elma, Anita (Duane) Hannasch of Carroll, Urban (Patricia) Koster of Breda, Norma Jean Ludwig of Denison, Myrna (Van) Schmidt of Three Forks, MT, Alice Thielen of Carroll;

brother-in-law: Otmar Bierl of Arcadia; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

Fr. Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Clem and Hazel Koster; his brothers: Floyd and Teresa (Garcia) Koster, Edgar and Delores (Bachman) Koster, Jerome and Wilda Jean (Black) Koster; his sisters: Pearl and Irvin Staiert, Elaine Bierl, and Helen Bertrend; two siblings in infancy: Margaret Mary, and Leo; brothers-in-law: Ivan Schroeder, Romaine Ludwig, and Franklin Thielen; nephews: Patrick Koster, Mark Koster, John Ludwig, Joseph Thielen; nieces: Kristy Koster, and Donna McBride.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Fr Dale well. We were students together at Conception and Loras both. I was ordained for Dubuque one year ahead of Dale's class. He was a colorful down to earth man. May he be richly rewarded by the good lord!--Fr, Dick Kuhn

Fr Dick Kuhn - June 19, 2019 at 05:49 PM

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“ Father Dale was a mentor to me and many other Mt. Carmel kids, especially those interested in hunting and fishing. Under his watch , I shot my first pheasant (I can still hear him yelling “Get him Joe!”) and Bobwhite quail (I missed a lot more than I hit but Father Dale was happy to back me up) and caught my first walleye, smallmouth bass, and channel catfish. I earned my outings with him by catching the bait, serving 6:30 am mass (he said my hair was too long to serve 8 am mass), and saying the rosary on our way home. My rewards were adventures with a person that obviously loved God's natural world... something that helped lead me to my 40-year career as a Wildlife Research Biologist. Father Dale was a tough disciplinarian at school with a soft heart for kids that needed it and his spaniels that thrived with it. I feel very fortunate that he was our pastor for many of my formative years.
Joe Fleskes

Joe Fleskes - June 03, 2019 at 08:12 PM

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“ *DEAR COUSINS and FAMILY ---- What a Celebration this is. Next stop for my Cousin FATHER DALE was HEAVEN. We have another Saint in Heaven. I know he has joined all of his families there. I sure wish I could be there at St. Bernard's with you. But age says not to try to come alone, and with our kids busy in their professions. I can only send my and their Condolences, with my prayers... and relive so many Good Memories.*

The Best, I was fortunate enough to attend Father Dale's Ordination in Sioux City, and his First Mass at St. Bernard's, two of the best days of my life.... (and of course the many hunting and fishing stories we shared at the different family events we were together --- They came in third).

May his Soul and all the Souls of the Faithful departed , through the Mercy of God, Rest In Peace Amen. Cousin ROGER

Cousin Roger Koster -Elkader - June 03, 2019 at 10:18 AM