



Rev. Marvin Boes

August 13, 1931 - July 18, 2019

Rev. Marvin J. Boes, 87 of Sioux City, Iowa and formerly of Breda, died, Thursday, July 18, 2019 at Holy Spirit Retirement Home in Sioux City, Iowa. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 22, 2019 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. The Celebrant will be Most Reverend R. Walker Nickless, Bishop of the Sioux City Diocese. Fr. Marvin's nephew, Fr. Steve Boes will be the homilist. Con-Celebrants will be Priests of the Sioux City Diocese. Music will be by Marilyn Hundling and the St. Bernard's Choir. Lectors, Gift Bearers, and Casket Bearers will be Fr. Marvin's nieces and nephews. Burial will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery in Breda with military honors conducted by the Breda American Legion. Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda where there will be a Christian Wake Service at 5 p.m. Additional visitation will be held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Monday at the church. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda and online condolences may be left for Fr. Marvin's family at www.sharpfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcomed to Father Flanagan's Boy's Home, P.O. Box 600, Boys Town, Nebraska 68010. Father Marvin Boes is the son of Anthony and Matilda (Fleskes) Boes born on August 13, 1931, in Carroll, Iowa, and raised on his parents' farm northwest of Breda, Iowa. He attended secondary school at St. Bernard's in Breda. After spending a year at St. Benedict's College in Atchison, Kansas, Father Boes served two years with the United States Army. He graduated from St.

Benedict's in 1957, receiving a B.A. in Economics. He spent the next year at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Through summer school sessions at Creighton University, Fr. Boes earned a Master's Degree in Education in 1961. His seminary studies were completed at Mount St. Bernard Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. On May 26, 1962, his ordination was celebrated in the Cathedral of the Epiphany at Sioux City, Iowa, by Bishop Joseph M. Mueller. On May 29, 1962, Fr. Boes celebrated his first Mass at St. Bernard's Church in Breda, Iowa.

In June 1963, Father Boes served as a Lt. Col. and an Air Force Chaplain in the Iowa Air National Guard at the Sioux City Air Field until his retirement after 23 years of service. During the years from January 1968 to May 1969, with the federal activation of his guard unit during the Vietnam War, he served as chaplain in the U.S. Air Force.

Father Boes taught at Heelan High School in Sioux City, Iowa for three years followed by a year at Garrigan High School in Algona, Iowa. He served as assistant pastor at the Cathedral of the Epiphany for approximately four years. Beginning September 1966, he was part-time Diocesan Coordinator with Minorities, until he was assigned as a full-time coordinator in 1973.

Upon his retirement from the Air National Guard, Father Boes served as administrator for three years at St. Philip's Parish in Hornick, Iowa and for three years St. Casimir's Parish in Sioux City, Iowa.

In 1985, Fr. Boes was assigned the Director of the Diocesan Peace and Justice Commission and he continued in that position after his retirement. He then served as the pastor at St. Malachy Catholic Church in Madrid, Iowa from 1998-2001. He began serving as pastor for five years until 2008 at St. Boniface Parish in Sioux City, Iowa.

Survivors include his three brothers; Vernon A. Boes (Lois) of Hopkins, Minnesota; Kenneth Boes (Ruth) of Columbia, Missouri and Eugene Boes (Mary Jane) of Elgin, Nebraska and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Fr. Boes was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Matilda (Fleskes)

Boes.

Tribute Wall

SD

“ My condolences to the Boes family..
Fr. Boes was a dear, close friend to the Robert and Sybil Dennehey family for possibly longer than 59 years. I have very fond memories of Father coming to the house every Christmas Eve for dinner and holiday cheer, family celebrations, going to the folks cabin and celebrating church on the lake. As the family grew, all came to know and respect Fr. Boes. We were blessed to have Father celebrate our parents lives as we laid them to rest. He was with our family to the end. He is one special man who will never be forgotten, who leaves me with a smile for my memories. Heaven gained yet another angel!
Shannan (Dennehey) Daniels

Shannan Daniels - July 22, 2019 at 03:41 PM

DT

We love and miss you father Boes and glad that you were the one who married us and believed in us 40 years ago and we are still going strong with all your blessings love you forever father

Danny and Linda Trujillo - July 26, 2021 at 12:39 PM

JO

“ *Jim and Mahideh Oman want to send our deepest sympathy to the Boes family for the loss of an amazing human being in the name of Farther Marvin Boes. My many personal encounters with Father Marvin have always left me with a feeling of being in the presence of a person of great humbleness but also great wisdom. He was the most Christ like person I have ever met. It was a great experience to have known him and he has had a profound influence in my life on how a person should walk the path of life.*

James Oman - July 21, 2019 at 11:26 PM

ML

“*Father Marvin Boes, Thanks for allowing me to assist you during Mass as an altar boy at the 185th Tactical Fighter Group, in Sioux City Iowa. Many memories during our time spent attending your special Mass on the base from 1967 to 1975. Your inspiration and guidance during that time frame and the following years taught me to never give up, keep my faith which all that helped me through life and then graduate from Briar Cliff College in 1990. RIP.... SGT Michael Lally, 185th Security Police.*

Michael F. Lally - July 21, 2019 at 10:33 PM

MM

“*Dear Family of Father Boes, My condolences. I, like Gloria James, got to know Father during his assignment at the Cathedral of the Epiphany. He always had a smile, pep in his step and was kind to all. His gift of relating to all types of people was his trademark.*

When he moved to Holy Spirit we reconnected as my uncle, Father Al Grendler, lived in the same section. They were classmates at St. Benedicts. Father Boes spoke very lovingly of his family and his Carroll County roots. He was very proud of all of you and his nephews who helped him the past few years received his praise and thanks.

His knowledge of human rights, farming, social policy, the environment, and many other topics always made me think of the saying: Small minds talk about people, great minds think of ways to make the world better. Father Boes had a great mind and heart. Peace and pause to you as you celebrate your dear brother, uncle, cousin, priest, and friend.

Mary C. McCarthy - July 21, 2019 at 08:28 AM

TP

“ *Father Boes was a wonderful leader of our St Phillips parish in Hornick, IA!*

Todd Plummer

Todd Plummer - July 20, 2019 at 10:01 PM

JO

“ *What a great man, what a great priest, you serve the community with love, kindness, and put everyone else in front of you.. Father Marvin always came to my sisters house if I was a guest at her house. With Father Steve and the whole Thelen family would come to have fun and celebrate our gathering. Father Marvin you set an example to the world in all the kindness that you have done. I will never forget the love that you showed. It was only a year ago or so ago where we all were together at Lois's house before she passed. You and Father Steven came, you drove all the way from Sioux City to be with all your cousins. What a great person you were. I am so sorry that I lived so far away and cannot attend the funeral. But I will go to my church at Immaculate at the 12:10 Mass and you will be in my heart and soul. Father Steven you will caring on the legacy of your uncle.*

God be with you all on Monday. Sending my love and prayers.

Jan Overgaard - July 20, 2019 at 04:51 PM

JK

“ I'll always remember that giggle he had. He always told me we were Fleskes' because of our blondish red hair and freckles. Fr. Marvin was a joy to see at any family gathering. Especially when he "helped" out at Ralph's wedding. So proud of him was his mother Aunt Matilda and his Dad Uncle Tony, my Mom (Marie) and Dad (Eddie) and all others who knew him. Blessed to be on his new journey with the Lord. God's peace cousin.

Your cousin Jean.

Jean Kanne Keller - July 20, 2019 at 11:54 AM

CS

“ I was just a young girl growing up just across the “section” from my Uncle and Aunt, Tony and Matilda and the boys. They were so caring..and smart! I remember lots of laughter..i was always proud to call them my cousins! RIP Father Marvin..

Carol Boes Stark - July 20, 2019 at 10:55 AM

TB

“ Very thankful to have an Uncle like Father Marvin. He was a strong advocate for the average person in our society. Father Marvin married us 30 years ago and we are so Thankful and Blessed for the good memories.
We send all our Love and thoughts during this time of Father Marvin passing to his new life with God.
We wish we could be there to celebrate Uncle Father Marvin's past wonderful life.
With lots of Love, Tom, Jenine, Chris, & Nic Boes.

Thomas & Jenine Boes - July 20, 2019 at 10:06 AM

TB

“ Thomas Jenine Boes lit a candle in memory of Rev. Marvin Boes



Thomas Jenine Boes - July 20, 2019 at 09:53 AM

CB

“ Fr Marvin, my uncle was a wonderful social justice advocate. He cared about the Iowa Indian community and worked with them. I admired his strong beliefs and practice in helping farmers and other issues.

I was touched as a young girl in Fort Dodge IA when I found out that he was helping out a poor family---the daughter was my classmate at Corpus Christi. The rich families that lived by them put that family down. When I found out he was helping her, it touched my heart. I also remember my dad Vernon Boes and Fr Marvin talking until 2 or 3am about religion, philosophy every time he visited.

I will remember Fr Marvin as always smiling and his unique laugh.

He was also courageous---I'll never forget that at one time in his life he had to fly in the cockpit of a no passenger jet --not much room to move at all, across the ocean during his time as a chaplain for the military.

God Bless Fr Marvin

Cynthia Boes - July 19, 2019 at 11:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Marvin Boes.*



July 19, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ *I was 11-years-old when I first met Father Boes. He was my religion teacher at Epiphany. He was, for all practical purposes, a life-long friend. I will miss the many philosophical debates we had, and acting as his secretary when he was on the road! I used to tell him all the time that he needed a cell phone so I could reach him when he was away, but he was very clear, as only Father could be, that he didn't need one. Then he would chuckle. And so it goes. "Well done, my good and faithful servant." I loved him much, and I will miss him always. Prayers to all of your relatives.*
Gloria



gloria james - July 19, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ *I remember how much Fr. Boes was a part of our family. He baptized me, and I wanted him to baptize my first child which thankfully he did. He married my parents when they had their church marriage and was at every family event my parents invited him to. I'm beyond sad and touched, finding out he has passed. The last time I visited with him was briefly at my church's fish fry last year I believe. Thinking back, I wish I would have kept more contact with him. Gosh all the memories of him are starting to come back and makes me sad.*

Enedina Hope - July 19, 2019 at 12:34 PM

RH

“ Thanks to our friend Father Marvin Boes for his sincere, continuous and effective advocacy for Genuine Human Rights! God bless him and his family. --Richard E. Hayes

Richard E. Hayes - July 19, 2019 at 11:11 AM

FC

“ I have many very happy memories of cousin Marv!! His deep enduring commitment to the poor, the disenfranchised, the minorities, etc, is a great inspiration for all!! A true Shepherd who lived his sheep!! Rest in peace!!

Father Clair - July 19, 2019 at 09:16 AM

DC

“ I met Father as the spiritual leader of the Dominic Club in Sioux City. He was an absolutely wonderful man. More full of life and happy than ten people. He will greatly be missed. Dan Collins, Omaha, Ne

Dan Collins - July 19, 2019 at 08:58 AM