



Fr. Bernard W. Kahlhamer

May 22, 1931 - October 17, 2018

Fr. Bernard W. Kahlhamer, 87 year old resident of Pierz, MN passed away Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at Highland Senior Living in Little Falls. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, October 20, 2018 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Pierz, MN with Bishop Donald J. Kettler officiating. Burial will be at St. John's Parish Cemetery in Lastrup, MN. Visitation will be Friday from 4 to 8 P.M. and from 10 to 11 A.M. on Saturday all at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz. Prayer Service at 7 PM Friday evening.

Bernard Walter Kahlhamer was born May 22, 1931 to the late Wendelin and Bertha (Zak) Kahlhamer, the first of six children. He attended district #36 two-room school in Lastrup, Minnesota. Then Little Falls High School, graduating in 1949. Then attended Crosier Seminary in Onamia, MN, and one year at St. Lawrence Seminary in Wisconsin before attending St. John's Seminary where he was ordained June 6, 1959. He celebrated his first Mass in Saint John Nepomuk Church, Lastrup on June 7, 1959. Father Kahlhamer served in the following assignments: associate pastor, St. Mary of the Presentation, Breckenridge, June 1959-August 1961; Holy Spirit, St. Cloud, August 1961-July 1966; pastor, St. Joseph, Bertha, July 1966-June 1969; St. Peter, St. Cloud, June 1969-July 1980; associate pastor, St. Anthony, St. Cloud, July 1980-July 1982; pastor, Assumption, Morris, July 1982-July 1986; Our Lady of the Angels, Sauk Centre, July 1986-July 2001; St. Lawrence, Duelm and St. Patrick, Minden, July 2001-June 2011. He retired June 30, 2011. Father

Bernard served as Dean of the Sauk Centre Deanery 1994-2000 and was chaplain for the Catholic Community on Scouting June 1969-1976.

He was a lifelong member of Boy Scouts, National Chaplain and attended National Jamborees in Japan and Oregon. He made at least a dozen trips to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area with Youth Groups from his Parishes. He loved to travel with his co-pilot, Fr. Virgil Braun, Bernie was the driver, and Virg the navigator. It was a well-known fact that he would not drive anything but a straight stick because someone told him it was more efficient. He had a penchant for oatmeal raisin cookies, but they had to be made with unfiltered honey. He said in his years in parishes he kept his sanity by spending Monday at Fish Lake. (No phone, No TV)

Father Bernard is survived by his brother, Tony (Janice) Kahlhamer; sisters-in-law, Alice Kahlhamer and Virginia Kahlhamer and also many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wendelin and Bertha Kahlhamer; sister, Angeline; brothers; Roman, Andrew, and Sylvester; brother-in-law, Kenneth Henagan and sister-in-law, Minnie Kahlhamer.

Cemetery Details

St. John Nepomuk

28520 Church Street
Lastrup, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
68 North Main Street
Pierz, MN

Prayer Service

OCT **19**. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
68 North Main Street
Pierz, MN

Visitation

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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68 North Main Street
Pierz, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Fr. Bernard W. Kahlhamer*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Tony Jan Alice Audrey and the entire family. Know that we hold you in our thoughts and prayers as you remember and celebrate Father's amazing life. a life incredibly well lived. We have a treasure trove of fine memories of our time together over the years. First as a youth at St Peters then having the pleasure of working with him at St Lawrence. I shall miss our Saturday morning chats and shall miss his unique style. God's blessing to all. Gene and Betty Pundsack*

Betty - October 21, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ *Peace to Fr Bernie. When he came to our house to visit with some of his former Scouts, I got to hear the wonderful stories about their adventures in the Boundary Waters. The guys had a lot of fun talking about the good times they had with Fr. He brought photos to share with us too.*

May he Rest In Peace!

Ruth Schultz - October 19, 2018 at 07:13 PM

KG

“ Fr. Bernie was always full of life and shared many stories. A couple of years ago he visited the students at Holy Trinity. They loved his stories of when he was a young boy. He was a wonderful priest - always had a great message to share.
May he rest in peace!
Kelly and Danny Gangl

Kelly Gangl - October 19, 2018 at 03:18 PM

KF

“ sympathys to the family of Fr. Bernard. We will all miss him. I so enjoyed talking to him of memories of long ago in Lastrup where I grew up. I always looked foreward to seeing him whenever I could get back. Thanks Fr. Bernard for being a friend to our family. One more angel watches over us all. God bless.
Karen Welle Fussy

Karen Fussy - October 19, 2018 at 08:09 AM

JK

“ I have such fond memories of working with Fr. Bernie on countless youth ministry events in the St. Cloud Diocese. He often shared a story about how the song “What If What They Say is True” sung at Castaway deeply touch him with the Spirit of God. Through the years he was a champion for youth and youth ministers.

Fr. Bernie also introduced Lana Faber and me to Johnny Walker blue. When the three of us would visit, he would often share this amazing scotch whiskey. It became a ritual of friendship and a celebration of our ministry together.

*Dear friend, you will be toasted tonight. May you Rest In Peace.
Jeff Kaster*

Jeff Kaster - October 18, 2018 at 10:50 AM

SR

“ Father K was an amazing friend to our family especially to our Dad.
Rest in Peace

Sandie Scott Rentz - October 18, 2018 at 07:06 AM



“ Father Bernard has been a good friend to my family since he was a young boy. He's been there for some of our roughest times as well as happy times. We are going to miss him. Rest in peace, Bernard. Our sympathy to Tony and the rest of the family.



Connie Banach - October 17, 2018 at 07:41 PM



“ *LeRoy & Peggy Hoheisel sent a virtual gift in memory of Fr. Bernard W. Kahlhamer*



LeRoy & Peggy Hoheisel - October 17, 2018 at 04:38 PM