



Rev. Kenneth H. Herr

January 13, 1941 - November 12, 2018

Father Kenneth H. Herr, 77, died on Nov. 12, 2018 in Evansville. He was a retired priest of the Diocese of Evansville.

Fr. Herr was born in Warrick County on Jan. 13, 1941, to the late Herbert and Leona (Welte) Herr. He attended St. Meinrad College in St. Meinrad and Collegium Canisianum Seminary and University in Innsbruck, Austria. He was ordained to the priesthood on March 2, 1968 and celebrated his 50th jubilee as a priest this year.

His priestly assignments included Associate, St. Joseph Parish, Evansville, 1968, with additional duties as a teacher at Reitz Memorial High School, 1969; Associate, St. Agnes Parish, Evansville, and teacher, Rex Mundi High School, Evansville, 1970; Associate, St. Wendel Parish, St. Wendel, and teacher, Mater Dei High School, Evansville, 1973; full-time teacher, Mater Dei High School, with weekend pastoral service at St. Matthew Parish, Mount Vernon, and St. Philip Parish, Posey County, 1975; Administrator St. Rupert Parish, Red Brush, while continuing full-time teaching at Mater Dei, 1976; Pastor, Good Shepherd Parish, Evansville, 1983; full-time teacher and chaplain, Reitz Memorial High School, 1983; Sacramental Minister, St. John the Apostle Parish, Evansville, while continuing as chaplain at Reitz Memorial, 1996; service to St. John the Apostle concludes, continue as chaplain of Reitz Memorial, 1999; Pastor, St. Boniface Parish, Evansville, continue as chaplain of Reitz Memorial, 2004; service to Reitz Memorial concludes, continue as Pastor of St. Boniface, 2008; retired from full-time pastoral ministry, 2014;

Administrator Pro Tempore, St. Mary Parish, Sullivan and St. Joan of Arc Parish, Jasonville, 2015; service to St. Mary and St. Joan of Arc concludes, 2016.

Father Herr's other responsibilities included service as Assistant Commissioner, Youth Affairs Commission, 1970; Diocesan Chaplain of Boy Scouts, 1972; Priests' Senate, 1979; and Diocesan Consultor, 1979. He was also very active in the Cursillo movement in the diocese.

Father Herr loved nature; fishing, hunting, spending time at Lake Barkley with his family and friends and snow skiing in his younger years. He also enjoyed playing the guitar and teaching others to play as well.

Surviving Father Herr are three sisters, Bernice Tieken of Fishers, IN, Sr. Donna Marie Herr, O.S.B. of Evansville and Donna (Leo) Anslinger of Haubstadt; one brother, Ray (Jane) Herr of St. Wendel, IN; five nieces, Carole (Bill) Sehnert, Debbie (Scott) Stiffler, Janelle (Clint) Weatherholt, Tina (Brent) Lamey and Amanda (Mitch) Happe and three nephews, Todd (Michelle) Anslinger, Chris (Amy) Herr and Ryan (Becca) Anslinger. Also surviving are twenty five great nieces and great nephews.

In addition to his parents, Fr. Herr was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, David Tieken.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 19, 2018 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 418 N. Wabash Avenue, Evansville, IN 47712. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Evansville.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a memorial service conducted at 6:00 p.m. Friends may also visit with the family from 9:00 a.m. until service time on Monday at St. Boniface Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, IN.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Memorial Service

NOV 18. 6:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

NOV 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
418 N, Wabash Avenue
Evansville, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
418 N, Wabash Avenue
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Kenneth H. Herr*



Pierre Funeral Home - November 16, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ *Rev. Kenneth H. Herr*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *I WAS SADDENED TO HEAR OF HIS DEATH. I WAS IN INNSBRUCK WITH KEN AND WE TRAVELED TOGETHER IN THE SUMMERS. HIS HOMILIES WERE EXCELLENT AND HE WAS A VERY GOOD PRIEST. WE HAD LUNCH AFTER HIS VISIT TO SACRED HEART PARISH IN VINCENNES WHERE DOZENS OF PEOPLE THANKED HIM. HE SAID THIS WAS THE WARMEST CHURCH HE HAD VISITED, AND HE PLANNED TO ASK THE BISHOP IF HE COULD COME ON A REGULAR BASIS. AGAIN, I AM THANKFUL FOR HIS FRIENDSHIP AND HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR DIOCESE. DR. WALTER RINDERLE, VINCENNES.*

DR. WALTER RINDERLE - November 19, 2018 at 05:22 PM

KG

“ *Father Kenny was a pillar of strength for our family. He married Don and me - like many other couples. He gave a beautiful tribute at my dad’s funeral and gave us each a copy. He visited mom just two weeks before she passed this October. His life was one of service to Jesus Christ and others - and he never stopped serving. With love, Karen and Don Gore*

Karen and Don Gore - November 18, 2018 at 09:16 AM

AL

“ As a student in Innsbruck (1964 -1968) Kenny Herr became a "member of our family". He spent the Christmas Holydays and parts of the summer vacations during that period with us on our Locher family hop farm. After his ordination in march 1968 he celebrated his First Holy Mass solemnly in our parish church St. Gallus in Tett nang.

Mutual visits and contacts throughout the 50 years since kept our familiar friendship alive. On a Europe tour with part of his family last year, he guided them around to show them the countries which he has seen during his studying period in Innsbruck. This tour brought us together once more in Ulm, Missenhardt and Tett nang. A very emotional "Wiedersehen"! Especially now since we got the unexpected news that Father Kenneth Herr has deceased and that this was our last meeting. We are sad, but grateful to have had such precious experiences together. And we want to assure his relatives, friends and all people for which his decease means a a great loss our heartfelt sympathy!

Hopeful to meet him again where he is now we assure that we shall remember Kenny in grateful and lasting memory.

Adolf and Irene Locher and the Locher-Missenhardt-families.https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.lifetributes.com/Temp/b4a59eb5-4722-4336-9841-5614a8c7f7bd_Thumb.jpg



Adolf Locher - November 17, 2018 at 11:41 AM

LA

“ He was a kind and gentle soul. He was truly a "Fisherman" of men!
PAX TECUM, Padre! Larry and Carolyn Adams

Leonard "Larry" R. Adams - November 17, 2018 at 11:07 AM



“ 102 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - November 16, 2018 at 09:10 AM

RW

“ To the family and especially Sister Donna Marie: Ken, as priest and servant of Jesus Christ, counselor, teacher, friend, will be missed. He was the officiant of our marriage (Natalie Steinback and Roger Wathen) 36 years ago; the counselor to our engagement, a teacher we cherished, and became a friend thru it all.

Personally, I can still remember the last word he shared with me as a young man just before he left our wedding reception, an encouragement I am forever thankful for; and, I can remember the first time I felt is loving hand of correction and instruction to be a better person, as he laid a firm hand across my shoulder to squeeze the side of my neck to get my immediate and focused attention. His hand of strength and words to grow directed me through some challenging high school years for which I am forever grateful.

Our prayers are with the family, knowing his memory will live on. I am sad to say we will not be able to attend any of the service that will honor and celebrate the life he shared with us here, but one day we hope to sit with him again and laugh together in the presence of the Almighty.

We pray Shalom and blessings for all!

Roger and Natalie Wathen

Roger Wathen - November 16, 2018 at 08:51 AM

“ Dear Bernice, Donna, Ray, and Sister Mary Donna,

Your brother, Kenny, was a great friend for over 50 years. I knew him even before I had the great blessing of getting to know your whole family at St. John's Elberfeld in 1965-66. Kenny was such a dear friend. I got to know him even better in Innsbruck and then as a brother priest in the Diocese of Evansville. He was kind, respectful, and a man of great integrity. I appreciate the photograph that you have chosen for this page, because in his expression there are also notes of good humor and kind expectations. Both of those were qualities integral to his whole being.

I will miss him. Fortunately I was present when he celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination this past summer at the Innsbruck Konveniat in Cleveland. He gave a very moving and stirring homily about his journey in life and his experience of the priesthood. I hope you will be able to preserve it as part of our collective memory of him. Kenny was a great priest and genuine person. He was a healing presence in countless lives.

We will all miss him, and yet, we will all be supported by his memory forever.

My sincerest thoughts and prayers,

Charlie Pfeiffer

Charles W. Pfeiffer - November 15, 2018 at 05:28 PM

MO

“ I knew Father Herr before he was a priest. He was one of the coaches for my youth baseball team. In 1972, he married Marge and I. He was a great friend through the years. We are terribly sorry we will be unable to attend his funeral mass. We will be praying for Father Herr and his family. He was truly one of the nicest guys I've known. May he Rest in the Peace of Christ.

*Mike and Marge Young
Valdosta, Georgia*

Michael J Young - November 14, 2018 at 06:38 PM

LL

“ I didn't know Father Kenneth Herr, but my husband's grandmother was a Herr and his first cousin was married to a Welte. I am sorry for the family and will pray for all. I will have a Mass said for Father at St. Michael's Catholic Church at Sebree, Ky.

Liz Loehr - November 13, 2018 at 08:59 PM



“ Father Herr was my teacher when I attended Rex Mundi. Her was a great teacher and God has blessed him in so many ways. Now may he rest in good hands with God. My prayer are with the family.

Deborah Garland - November 13, 2018 at 07:09 PM



“ *When our kids were little and we moved back to Evansville, we joined St. Boniface because of Fr. Herr. Both of our kids had their First Communion with Fr. Herr. and Jordan was also able to have him present for his confirmation. Fr. Herr was always a kind and gentle soul. He will be greatly missed. Prayers of comfort to his family and friends.*



Garrick, Brenda, Jordan, and Alexis Wible -

Brenda Wible - November 13, 2018 at 11:17 AM



“ *Fr Kenny was a wonderful man and priest. He will be missed very much. God please comfort him in heaven with your loving arms. Holy Spirit please give his family courage and peace.*

Debbie Lintzenich - November 12, 2018 at 05:11 PM