



Rev. Philip J. Kreilein

September 28, 1948 - October 23, 2018

Father Philip J. Kreilein, 70, died on Oct. 23 in Evansville. He had served as pastor of Resurrection Parish in Evansville since 2002 and as Dean of the Diocese of Evansville's South Deanery since 2015.

He was born in Jasper on Sept. 28, 1948, to Raymond and Lucille (Keusch) Kreilein.

He attended St. Meinrad High School and College in St. Meinrad, and St. Mary Seminary and University in Baltimore, Md. Bishop Francis R. Shea ordained him a priest of the Diocese of Evansville on June 2, 1974.

His priestly assignments included Associate, St. Simon Parish, Washington, 1974; teacher, Mater Dei High School, Evansville, 1977; associate, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Evansville, 1980; pastor, St. Mary Parish, Washington, and teacher, Washington Catholic High School, 1982; pastor, Holy Cross Parish, Fort Branch, 1988; pastor, St. Ferdinand Parish, Ferdinand, 1991; pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Jasper, March 1999; pastor, Resurrection Parish, Evansville, July 3, 2002; three-month sabbatical, 2010 (June-September); Pastor, Resurrection Parish, Evansville, 2010; Moderator, St. Boniface Parish, Evansville, 2010; Administrator, St Boniface Parish, Evansville, 2018 (Feb. 1-Feb. 13).

He served many years as the chaplain for athletes and teams at Mater Dei High School and the University of Southern Indiana.

Father Kreilein's other responsibilities included service as Director of Continuing Education: Ministry to Priests, 2012; Dean, Evansville West

Deanery, 2014; and Dean, South Deanery, 2015.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include a brother, Dr. Sylvester Kreilein and spouse, Joan Parsley, of Milwaukee, Wis.; and a nephew, John Alexander Kreilein.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. CDT on Sunday Oct. 28 at Resurrection Church, 5301 New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN 47720, with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. CDT.

Visitation will continue at 9 a.m. CDT on Monday Oct. 29 at Resurrection Church. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10 a.m. CDT at Resurrection Church.

Graveside Service and interment will begin at approximately 3 p.m. EDT at Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Resurrection Parish, 5301 New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN 47720, for use in renovating the parish cafeteria.

Arrangements are in the care of Pierre Funeral Home of Evansville.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1425 Brescher Street
Jasper, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 28. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church
5301 New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN

Visitation

OCT 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church
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Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Philip J. Kreilein



Pierre Funeral Home - October 26, 2018 at 11:48 AM



“ Rev. Philip J. Kreilein

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ Father Phil may you now have peace and free of pain. You will be greatly missed in the Resurrection and Mater Dei community. My children and I enjoyed your jokes in the bulletin every Sunday, your incredible energy and enthusiasm at football games, your sense of humor and always had a smile and kind thing to say when saw us. I will miss you the most at fall festival time though. I promised you on your birthday that we would set a record for you this year, and we did, thanks to your P.K. Turtle Kuchens. I'll promise you now, that we will continue to make your kuchens from here on out. You rest now, your work here on earth is done. You are a wonderful man and will be so greatly missed but will be forever in our hearts.

Terri, Logan, and Grace McCann

Terri McCann - October 28, 2018 at 07:01 PM



“ 410 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - October 26, 2018 at 10:36 AM

JH

Got to know father Phil well when he was assigned to St. Ferdinand. He was a good pastor, a good man and a friend. He will be missed.

Jim Hubers - October 28, 2018 at 02:44 PM

DK

Fr. Phil was always there for us. Great man. we will miss your humor and your kindness Rest In Peace

Della Kokomoor - October 29, 2018 at 07:04 AM

TS

“ *Fr. Phil was such a wonderful priest and friend. He had a great sense of humor and was fun to be around. I will miss his homilies- they were straight to the point and always gave us inspiration to be better. My family will never forget the kindness and comfort he showed us in Gary's fight with cancer and his passing. Most important was his instruction, along with Sr. Jolinda Nass, when Gary became Catholic right before his diagnosis. It meant so much to me and my family. I will always miss him, but know he is with our God. Thank you, Fr. Phil. You made us all better people. Tracy Sparks and family.*

Tracy Sparks - October 26, 2018 at 07:35 AM

DM

“ I was a server at St Ferdinand for Fr Phil for many years. Great person who was not just a pastor but a friend too. In 2005 Fr. Phil made a trip back to St Ferdinand to wed my wife and me at our request. So glad he was able to do that and was a part of our special day. We will miss you Fr Phil!

Duane Meyer - October 25, 2018 at 08:46 PM

JK

“ I remember serving mass for Fr. Phil when he was at St. Anthony in Evansville back when he had hair and wore glasses. I was really excited to hear and see when he was assigned to Resurrection Parish back in 2002. He was a fantastic Priest and friend. Fr. Phil you deserve your rest in Heaven with all the Angels, with no more pain. Remember us because will never forget you.

Joe Koressel - October 25, 2018 at 03:32 PM

WR

“ Sorry for your loss, knew & liked Fr. Phil real well, God Bless!

William Rohl - October 25, 2018 at 04:06 AM

BC

“ Father Phil was a good man.

Briana Craddock - October 24, 2018 at 11:04 AM

TO

“ We have no words to describe our feelings.
What a man.
~ The King Family



Tony - October 23, 2018 at 09:55 PM

AF

“ *Father Phil was with our family in one of our darkest times, when we lost our sweet Kendall. Not only did he offer comfort, he mourned with us. His homily at her service was the most touching and beautiful I have ever heard. He will be missed. Rest In Peace Father Phil from the Filbert and Murphy families*

anna filbert - October 23, 2018 at 09:44 PM

SP

“ *Bless you Father Phil for all the prayers and support for the Mater Dei Football team throughout the years!! We will miss your cheers and laughter!*

God bless you! Joy & Mark, Alex & Jenae Springer

Springers - October 23, 2018 at 08:42 PM

SA

“ *Father Phil you will be missed, I could always count on you when I needed your prayers for one of my relatives. And what a wonderful personality you had.*

Sandy - October 23, 2018 at 07:37 PM

TH

“ *Father Phil, such a good pastor. We loved you at St. Mary's. Fr. Ryan Hilderbrand use to serve funerals at St. Mary's when he was in middle school. He told me once that he noticed how much comfort you (Fr. Phil) could give those sorrowing people. At that time he started really thinking he might want to do that someday.. Thank You !*

Terri Hilderbrand - October 23, 2018 at 06:47 PM

BV

“ *Father Phil was a wonderful man . He made Resurrection our Parish just Beautiful . We will miss him terribly . Father May You Rest In Peace Amen 🙏❤️ I loved his Homilies. He fought until he couldn't fight no longer . May God Bless You 🙏*



Beverly Vowels - October 23, 2018 at 06:03 PM