

Father Kenneth Lee Graehler

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Jasper, Ind.

Father Kenneth Lee Graehler, 78, died peacefully in his sleep Feb. 19 at Brookside Villages in Jasper, Ind., after a battle with cancer.

He was born in Jasper on Sept. 20, 1937, to Albert H. Graehler and Lorena (Schuetter) Graehler, who predeceased him. His brothers Al, Richard Lee; and stillborn twins, also preceded him in death.

He attended St. Joseph Elementary School in Jasper and St. Meinrad Seminary High School in St. Meinrad, Ind. He graduated from St. Meinrad Seminary College and then completed four years of theological studies at the University of Innsbruck in Innsbruck, Austria. He was ordained a priest for the Catholic Diocese of Evansville in Holy Trinity Church, in Innsbruck, on March 30, 1963.

His priestly assignments included assistant, Christ the King Parish, Evansville, 1963; assistant, St. Clement Parish, Boonville, and teacher at Reitz Memorial High School, 1965; assistant, St. John the Baptist Parish, Newburgh, continuing as a teacher at Memorial, 1966; assistant, St. James Parish, Haubstadt, and teacher at Rex Mundi High School, Evansville, 1968; associate, St. Theresa Parish, Evansville, and continue as a teacher at Rex Mundi, 1972; associate, St. Simon Parish, Washington, and teacher at Washington Catholic High School, 1973; pastor, St. Peter Parish, Linton, and administrator, St. Joan of Arc Mission, Jasonville, 1973; co-pastor, St. Ferdinand Parish, Ferdinand, 1977; pastor, St. Bernard Parish, Rockport, 1980; pastor, St. Philip Neri Parish, Bicknell, 1985; pastor, St. Wendel Parish, St. Wendel, 1990; pastor, St. Mary Parish, Sullivan, and St. Joan of Arc, Jasonville, 1991. Father Graehler retired from active ministry in November 2002.

Survivors include his only sister, Carol (Graehler) Hufnagel (Walter), of Paris, Texas; sister-in-law Edna Graehler, of Louisville, Ky.; 12 nieces and nephews; 44 great-nieces and nephews; and 10 great-great-nieces and nephews.

Father Graehler has donated his body to science at the Indiana University Medical Center. His cremated remains will be buried at Fairview Cemetery in Jasper at a later date.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper at 11 a.m. ET on Wednesday Feb. 24. Visitation will be in St. Joseph Catholic Church from 9 a.m. until time of the Memorial Mass.

Memorial contributions may be made to the [charity of your choice](#) or the Jasper Deanery Catholic Education Foundation. Please send donations to St. Joseph Church, 1029 Kundek St., Jasper, IN 47546-1917.

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May 14, 2016

Very sorry to hear of Father Graehler's passing. I was searching for him online. That is how I learned of his passing. He was such a special part of my early childhood in Indiana, but I had not spoken to him in many years. I wanted to let him know how important he had been to that little girl... but I am sure he knew. A great man.

Leona Graham

April 23, 2016

My special St. Meinrad classmate aka "Oink". May he rest in peace. Ed Kirch

February 23, 2016

Carol and family! She sorry to hear about Father Ken. He and my Ken were friends during the Rex Mundi days! My Ken passed away on January 19th this past month and I noticed Fr. Ken passed away the 19th of this month! Two angels same age! RIP old friends! Dorothy Coudret

Dorothy Coudret

February 22, 2016

Deep condolences to family & friends!

"O" Graehler: remembering mousetraps & a visit to St. Wendel; all those 1st names in six months. All seven of you made it to your 50TH! JOY to you!

Henry Engelhart

February 22, 2016

So sorry to hear about Fr. Ken. He and my Ken were friends from the Rex Mundi days. I lost my Ken on Jan. 19th and I see Fr. Ken passed away on Feb. 19th! RIP old friends! Dorothy Coudret Crawfordsville IN

Dorothy Coudret

February 22, 2016

I'm so very sorry for your loss. Fr. Ken was a very special man and a special friend to me and my family. We had many good times which I will never forget. I'm really going to miss this old man.

Tracey Fuzesi

February 21, 2016

My thoughts & prayers are with you in this difficult time. Father Ken was a wonderful friend to my family through a lot of difficult but sometimes wonderful times.

Dorothy Morefield

February 21, 2016

Carol and Graehler. So very sorry to hear of Kenny's death. Our deepest sympathy. We are remembering you all in our prayers. Marv and Janie (Sermersheim) Hackman

February 21, 2016

Carol and Graehler Family, I'm sorry to read of the passing of your loved one. Prayers and sympathy, Sarah Berger Humphrey Muncie IN

February 21, 2016

My deepest condolences to the family. Fr. Ken. Was a great man & a special friend to myself & my children. He had a great influence on my life spiritually & emotionally. He will be greatly missed...

Julie Williams Mize

February 21, 2016

Carol and Graehler Family, I'm so sorry to read if the passing of your loved one. I've wondered about Ken, as I hadnt talked to him in several years, when he was in Washington IN. We had lunch together. Then I wasn't back in the area much after my mother passed.. We were classmates through elementary. He also said mass at one of our class reunions, our 50th if I recall correctly. Prayers and sympathy, Sarah. RIP Kenny

Sarah Berger Humphrey

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