



Rev. J. McDonald

December 5, 2016

McDonald, Rev. Elmer J.

Rochester: Age 92, a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, died on December 4, 2016, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse. Father McDonald was born on August 23, 1924, son of Elmer and Margaret (Sweeney) McDonald, who preceded him in death. He is also predeceased by his sisters, Elizabeth (Charles) Heinrich, Marguerite (Jack) Caufield; and niece, Anne Marie Caufield. Survived by nieces & nephews, Monica Nothnagle (Tom), Martha Caufield, Joseph Caufield (Susie), Paul Caufield, Carol Heinrich, Elaine (Dick) Driscoll, Mary Meisenzahl and Janet Scotto; several great-nieces & nephews.

The family would like to send a special thank you to the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Father McDonald grew up in St. Monica's Parish, Rochester, and received priestly formation at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester. On June 11, 1949, Father McDonald was ordained a Catholic priest by The Most Reverend James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester. Following his priestly ordination, Father served at Holy Rosary Parish, Rochester; a chaplain to The United States Navy; Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester; St. Francis deSales, Geneva; St. Augustine Parish, Rochester; St. Christopher Parish, N. Chili; St. John the Evangelist Parish, Greece; St. Mary Parish, Dansville; and as

chaplain to The Veterans Administrations in Waco, TX and Bay Pines, FL. In June 1995, Father McDonald was granted Senior status and continued to provide priestly ministry in the Diocese in St. Petersburg, FL, until he moved into the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in 2015.

On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, Father McDonald will lie in state at St. Christopher Church, 3350 Union St., N. Chili, NY, from 9-11 AM, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM. The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester, as the main Celebrant. Burial will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Donations may be made to VA Medical Center or Alzheimer's Association