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## REVEREND THOMAS C. KELLEY

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The Reverend Thomas C. Kelley MIDLAND, TX - The Reverend Thomas C. Kelley, 62, Pastor of Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church, 1008 West New Jersey Street, Midland, Texas, died Monday (February 21, 2005) after a lengthy bout with cancer. Born January 8, 1943, in Titusville, he was the son of the late Spicer C. and DeAnna Heher Kelley. He was a 1960 graduate of Cathedral Preparatory School, a 1964 graduate of St. Bonaventure University, and a 1968 graduate from the North American College in Rome, Italy. He later earned a Masters in Education from Edinboro Univeristy. He was ordained as a priest on Dec. 21, 1967, at St. Peter Basilica in the Vatican City State by Bishop Francis F. Reh. His home parish was St. Walburga in Titusville, Pa. Rev. Kelley served as a parochial vicar at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie 1968 to 1972. From 1972 to 1985, he served as faculty member, principal, vice-rector and finally rector of St. Mark Seminary in Erie. From 1985 to 1989, he served as Academic Dean of the North American College, Rome, Italy. He was assigned to St. Michael parish in Greenville, PA as administrator from 1989 to 1990 and as pastor from 1990 to 1994. In 1994 he began pastoral work in the Diocese of San Angelo, Texas. He returned briefly to Erie to serve as chaplain to Holy Family Carmelite Monastery from 1995 to 1996 before permanently transferring back to the Diocese of San Angelo, where he last served as pastor of Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church, remaining there until his death. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Susan Dixon and her husband Kenneth of Dyer, Indiana and Mrs. Margaret Mary Gupta and her husband of Swampscott, Maine. He will lie in state at Our Lady of San Juan church in Midland from 1:00 p.m. onward on Thursday, Feb. 24, concluding with a 7:00 p.m. Wake Service and Rosary. Calling hours will resume on Friday morning, February 25, at 9:00 a.m. until the Mass of Christian burial at 10:30 a.m. with the Most Rev. Michael Pfeifer, OMI, Bishop of San Angelo, presiding. Burial will be in Midland, Texas. Local announcement by the Francis V. Kloecker Funeral Inc., 2502 Sassafras St.

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