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Rev. Michael H. Hansen

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Reverend Michael H. Hansen of Allendale, N.J., passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2012, at the age of 71. The funeral will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18, at 9:45 a.m. from the G. Thomas Gentile Funeral Home, 397 Union St., Hackensack, N.J. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 49 Vreeland Ave., Hackensack, at 11 a.m., with Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato officiating. Cremation will be private. The family will receive friends on Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. To send condolences, get directions, or for further information, visit gentilefuneralservice.com. Rev. Hansen was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was a member of the first graduating class at Bergen Catholic High School in 1959. He was inducted into the Bergen Catholic Hall of Fame as the first Bergen Catholic graduate to enter the priesthood. Ordained on May 27, 1967, Father Hansen served as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Church in Bloomfield, N.J.; Our Lady of Lourdes Church in West Orange, N.J., and the Church of the Assumption in Emerson, N.J., where he retired in 2009. He was a former volunteer firefighter for the Glen Ridge Fire Department and fire chaplain for the New Jersey State Firemen's Association. He was the beloved son of the late John Hansen and Louise (nee Drab); dearest brother of Judy DeRiso

and her husband, Raymond, of South Hackensack, N.J.; Barbara Cali of Nutley, N.J., and John Hansen and his wife, Josee, of Bow, N.H. Rev. Hansen is also survived by several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey, 825 Georges Road, 2nd Floor, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902 would be appreciated.

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December 27, 2012

I just heard about Mike's passing, which is a blessing at our age. We were neighbors and classmates; we had the roles of mother and father in the 8th grade play, and I have a vivid memory of our rehearsing our lines while seated in my Dad's car in the driveway. I don't remember Mike as a teenager, which is strange, since I knew several boys in the novice class at Bergen Catholic. Now I'm sorry that I didn't keep in touch with him. He was a good old soul as a boy, and it seems from the notes on this site that he was a good old soul as a man and a priest. You who were his family and friends were most fortunate.

Maureen (O'Donnell -- 22 Long Valley Rd) Murphy, Seattle WA

December 15, 2012

I remember back in the day when i first moved into my town, and saw him taking a walk around town. i received communion when i was in 5th grade and he was the priest. After my communion i would see him everyday taking his walk when i was with my friends at the park. He would stop and talk to me for a while, and ask about my day or he would talk to me about a baseball game. It became a friendship. He gave a prayer during thee burial of my best friends, and he made me feel at ease because i knew they were on the right path following Father Mike's prayer. He was my 6th grade CCD teacher, and i had a question for everything. He would answer my questions, and when i saw him during his walk i would ask more. He would never turn me down, and was always happy to help me out. After he retired i lost contact with him. When i arrived at my house today i told my mom i wanted to go visit Father Mike, and she gave me the news. I was overwhelmed with sadness because i lost another friend. I could not believe it was true and had to google search which led me here. I know he's at a better place, and i'm sure we will forever have a guardian angel. God Bless, and condolences to his family.

Sincerely his friend,

Alberto Bonilla

October 7, 2012

Thank you to everyone who left a kind note. I enjoy reading each and every one. To anyone who is reading this now, I encourage you to also leave a few words. My Uncle was very special to our family and we all miss him dearly.

Carin Cali

September 3, 2012

Oh I am sadden by this news, too young, too soon...Wonderful memories of a good man, who was young and fresh and oh so needed back in the day...blessings to all the family, please know many many held him in high regard...will share his passing as many from the day are scattered through out the states. RIP

Kathleen Ferdon

August 25, 2012

Father Mike was a nice man,I have fond memories of his visits to our home on Maolis Ave to watch cable,our camping trip to Nova Scotia,visits to the Bloomfield firehouse for pizza,his prized Oscar fish,and of course his pride and joy his "Barracuda Fastback". God bless you and may you rest in peace until we meet again.

With sincere sympathy

Sincerely

Michael Morrison & The Morrison Family

Michael Morrison

August 17, 2012

I was a alter boy for sacred heart church and was a student at sacred heart school. Father Hansen would take all the alter boys on a day trip to Seaside beach every year. Great person Great memories. He is the best RIP

August 17, 2012

Father Mike was a regular for dinner in our home on Thursday evenings. My brothers were altar servers at Sacred Heart in Bloomfield. Fr. Mike came to enjoy our family and watch Kung Fu. I recently shared about Father Mike at my women's Cornerstone gathering just last month. As a teenager his Masses and Homilies were inspiring. Lost touch after moving away and getting married. He was a great man.

Mary Jane Behre Paoella

August 16, 2012

Father Michael was a wonderful caring and kind priest. He was so kind and helpful to us in our great time of sorrow at the loss of Robbie. I am sure they will meet in heaven. May Father Mike rest in peace for he is Safely Home.

Please accept my sincere sympathy to his whole family.

Elizabeth Kunz and Family

August 16, 2012

Father Mike was a fellow Fireman in Glen Ridge back in the 1960's and 1970's. A wonderful person and a good priest.

I am honored to have served with him. My sympathy to his family

Ward Jennings

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