



John Antczak

January 10, 1936 - December 28, 2014

Father John Thomas Antczak 78 of Bradley, IL. Passed away Sunday December 28, 2014 at Miller Rehabilitation Center in Kankakee, Illinois. He was born January 10, 1936 in Chicago Illinois to John and Helen Antczak. He attended St. Mark Our Lady of Good Counsel Grammar schools in Chicago, Quigley Preparatory Seminary in Chicago and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. Father Antczak was ordained May 25, 1963 and has served in the Joliet Diocese as Associate at St. Peter in Itasca, Illinois from 1963 to 1964, St. Rose and St Teresa in Kankakee, Illinois from 1964 to 1980, and St. Joseph in Bradley, Illinois. For the past 28 years Father Antczak has served as Chaplain at Riverside Medical Center while residing at St. Joseph in Bradley. Father touched the lives of many in his ministry with a spirit of selflessness and humility. His sense of humor and quick wit were gifts that he shared with all. Father Antczak is preceded in death by his father and mother, John and Helen Antczak, and one sister Audrey Kramer. He is survived by 3 nieces, Helen Middlecamp of Burlington, Wisconsin, Leslie Miron of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Regina Reynolds of Columbus, Wisconsin, one nephew David Kramer of Oshkosh, Wisconsin and two special friends Theresa McCue and Alan Martin. A gathering time of family and friends will be Tuesday, December 30th from 2:00pm up to time of the Mass of the Resurrection at 7:00pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church , 211 North Center, Bradley, IL ., with Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Siegel as celebrant and Fr. Tony Nugent and other priests of the Joliet diocese as con-celebrants. Burial will be in St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials are for the charity of your choice. The Bourbonnais Chapel of the Schreffler Funeral Homes are in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Antczak*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM

SU

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the family. Continue to love and support one another because its not easy to deal with death no matter how old or young we may be. I would like to share a Scripture for comfort. In the Holy Scriptures at Isaiah chapter 35 verse 6 it says, "At that time the lame will leap like the deer, And the tongue of the speechless will shout for joy." Yes at an appointed time our loving heavenly Father will do away with all the causes of pain and suffering. - Revelation 21:3-5. It is my sincere hope that you find true comfort at present and real hope in the future. Again very sorry for your loss.*

s. ukenta - January 09, 2015 at 05:34 PM

MN

“ *Sorry to here of his illness and death. He was a very pleasant person. He will be missed*

M/M Gerald Noe - January 07, 2015 at 06:06 PM

BB

“ *I work at Riverside and often ran into Fr. John in the cafeteria or the hallway. I will miss his hugs. He helped to keep my faith alive. I will miss him. I am glad for him that he is with his mother now. God bless him and all his family and his many loyal and true friends. Riverside was truly blessed to have him as chaplain all these years. Sincerely, Beth Bailey*

Beth Bailey - December 31, 2014 at 02:38 PM

DS

“ *We will miss his quick wit, jokes, and stories that he would tell when at a gathering. May God Bless you on your eternal journey with him and may you rest in peace.*

Dan & Mary Sammons - December 30, 2014 at 10:41 PM

SW

“ *Spirituality is a Principle of Recovery. Every time I asked if you could add a service or communion for our patients on the Mental Health Unit, you were there for them. Your special way of caring, supporting, and uplifting patients will be missed, but every day we are grateful to God for all you've done for MHU patients to achieve and maintain Recovery. Again, Thank You!* ”

scott weedon - December 30, 2014 at 05:14 PM

RG

“ *You have been a part of our life since 1982 and have made us who we are today. I wrote a poem about you and if allowed to, will read it at your funeral Mass so everyone will hear about OUR Father John. I will then frame it and leave it in the Riverside Chapel because you spent your time there and I want you remembered to whomever enters that door. Thank you for belonging to all of us as long as God wanted you to. We all love you and will miss you. From: Gaylord, Rusty and our family* ”

Rusty & Gaylord Gash - December 30, 2014 at 02:50 AM

CN

“ *Cliff & I will miss taking you out to dinner and listening to your silly jokes and stories. We love you and will miss you very much. RIP in your heavenly home.* ”

Cliff & Nancy Neely - December 30, 2014 at 02:32 AM

JM

“ *I am so grateful for the years we were blessed to have you. As you continue on in your eternal journey, we will always remember your kindness and compassion.* ”

Jennie McLean - December 30, 2014 at 01:18 AM

AL

“ *He was a caring priest who was always willing to go above and beyond. He was a good confessor who always had a comforting word or a quick joke on hand. Fr. John you will be missed and our family will continue to pray for you and have Masses said for you. Rest in peace.* ”

Alayna - December 29, 2014 at 08:20 PM