



Rev William Costello

February 10, 1938 - August 23, 2020

Father William John Costello, 82, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, August 23, 2020.

Fr. Costello was born February 10, 1938 in Chicago, the son of the late John and Mary Costello. He was ordained a Catholic Priest on April 30, 1964 and spent the next 56 years serving the Church at many parishes in the Chicago area including St. John of the Cross, St. Theodore, St. Nicholas, St. Christina, Holy Cross, Prince of Peace, St. Peter, and St. Eugene. After his retirement, Fr. Costello stayed very active in the church community, helping to celebrate Mass at St. Raphael the Archangel, St. John in Twin Lakes, WI, and at St. Benedict's Abbey in Benet Lake, WI. He also served as the Prince of Peace School Administrator in Lake Villa.

He is survived by his sisters Jacqueline (late Roger) Clausen and Mary (late William) Tuleja; nieces and nephews Richard, John, Mark, Kevin, James, Kathleen, Michael, Gerald, Beth Anne, and William; great nieces and great nephews Stephanie, Kevin, Kayla, Richard, Mark, Addison, Logan, Malia, and Olivia; great great nephew Thomas; and by many other family members.

He was preceded in death by his sisters Margaret (late Richard) Baumeister and Frances (Gerald) Grishaber.

Wearing a mouth and nose covering is required to attend services. Please maintain social distance and keep your visit brief out of consideration for the family's health. Visitation will be Monday, August 31, 2020 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at St Raphael the Archangel Church, 40000 N, US-45, Old Mill Creek, IL 60046. Mass will begin at the church Monday at 11 a.m. Private burial will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip, IL. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Fr. Costello's memory to your local church and have a Mass celebrated in his honor.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery & Mausoleum

6001 W 111th St
Alsip, IL 60803

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church
40000 US-45
Old Mill Creek, IL 60046

Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev William Costello*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Rev William Costello*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Father Costello - good for St Peter's when he served as an associate, good for the surrounding parishes where/when he served in his later years. last meeting about six months ago at the BP station it was just good to see him. He was a priest woven into the fabric of our faith community. St Peter's, Prince of Peace, St Ralpheals, his corner of the world that he served so well. A good man, resting now in the Peace of Christ.*

Phil & Carole Delany - September 09, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ *I am so, so sorry to hear of bills passing. Had I known of his passing - I would have been there to pay my respects. Bill was not only a fine man - he was an awesome cousin. He made me laugh - and I was so fortunate to have him in my life. My prayers and my sympathies to you all. Cathi mitchell*

cathi mitchell - September 06, 2020 at 10:26 PM

CK

“ Fr. Bill was the Moderator of the first Women's Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) group at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Deerfield, IL in April, 1981. It was Fr. Bill who invited me to become part of the group, and I'm so glad that I did. We were a group of various ages, personalities and talents. Right from the start, we felt that God was truly with us. Our responsibility was to prepare a weekend for what would be the second CRHP Women's group at Holy Cross, During our formation time, which amounted to a period of five months, we became a cohesive, spiritually oriented group. We all loved the group and our mission, and Fr. Bill loved working with us. He was always there for us, helping guide us through our formation in a gentle, kind way.

We met on a weekly basis and usually went out for a bite to eat, as a group, after our meetings. The restaurant we frequented always thought we were a "bowling group." Fr. Bill got a big kick out of that. He was a dear, caring, kind, thoughtful person, a man of God, and he will be greatly missed!

May God welcome you with open arms, Fr. Bill.

Connie Kindsvater, Naples, FL

Connie Kindsvater - August 30, 2020 at 04:26 PM

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“ Father Costello was such a wonderful man. He was kind and gentle. He spent his life helping others. I have such wonderful memories of him at Christmas time when he would come over for dinner. He told such wonderful stories. He will be missed by everyone who loved him. I know he is in heaven praying for all of us and our country.

Therese Lau - August 27, 2020 at 03:29 PM

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“ Had the honor of working with Fr. Costello for many years at St. Eugene. I admired him as a priest and treasured him as a friend. I have missed hearing his stories since he retired and only exchanged occasional phone calls. He will be greatly missed. God bless you father.

Chick O'Leary - August 27, 2020 at 02:31 PM

DC

“ Fr. Costello became a dear friend of mine while I was in charge of Communion visits to the sick and to the nursing home. It was Fr. Costello who taught me how to help so many to die. We had many long conversations about almost everything. He had a memory like an elephant! One of his favorite topics was cars, he loved his cars. An other favorite was eating out. I will always remember the dinner we shared at the Colony House, one of his favorite places. I was lucky to have spoken to him just a week before his passing. We spoke for nearly 45 min. I asked him how he was doing and as always he never complained. However, I could hear in his voice that he did not feel well. I told him that I know you aren't feeling good!. He went silent, but we ended with we would continue to pray for each other. Dear Fr. Costello, you will always " be in my pocket."

Donna Czerniewski - August 26, 2020 at 01:47 PM

JQ

Fr. Costello was a dear man & friend . He was our School

Administrator at Prince of Peace for several years.

After departing from P.O.P, he came to many of our Fish Lenten dinners, & always remembered us by name . He would sit at our

table with Fr. Jack Ryan ,& join us with many amusing stories.

We really appreciated him in the man years gone by. Fr

Costello, we will miss you, as Jesus receives you in heaven.

Jean and Charlie Quigley

Jean and Charlie Quigley - August 29, 2020 at 03:37 PM