

Walter J. Zalewski Funeral Home

Rev. Donald W. McIlvane

(December 19, 1925 - February 16, 2014)

Age 88, of Pittsburgh, on Sunday, February 16, 2014. Son of the late William and Mary (Brennan) McIlvane; brother of Mary Elizabeth McIlvane, the late Robert E. McIlvane and Roseanne Casey; also survived by nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. Fr. Donald was a World War II Veteran, serving on the Yale Victory Ship. After his discharge from the service, he was ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 1952, and celebrated his 60th Anniversary of his ordination in 2012. His ministry took him to various parishes and chaplaincies throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh from 1952-1994. He became involved in interracial issues, ecumenical dialogue, labor equality and political responsibility. On March 7, 1965, he walked with Martin Luther King in the historic Selma March and in 1994 he traveled to South Africa as a documented observer of free elections and witnessed Nelson Mandela being elected as President. Family and Friends received at the WALTER J. ZALEWSKI FUNERAL HOME, 216 44th Street, Lawrenceville, on Friday, February 21, 2014 from 2-4 p.m. followed by Translation and Vespers at St. Nicholas Croatian Church, 24 Maryland Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209 at 7 p.m. with visitation until 9 p.m. and additional visitation on Saturday, February 22, 2014 from 9-10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 10 a.m. with the Most Reverend William J. Winter, Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh as the main celebrant. Private burial at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297 or to the Society for the Preservation of the Millvale Murals of Maxo Vanka (SPMMV), 24 Maryland Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209.

