



Rev. Jerome D. Fortenberry C.M.

August 9, 1926 - November 5, 2016

Rev. Jerome D. Fortenberry C.M., 90, of Perryville died November 5, 2016 at St. Mary's of the Barrens in Perryville, MO.

He was born August 9, 1926 in Bismark, ND, son of John Foxworth and Blanche Rose (Schmitz) Fortenberry.

He was a Vincentian Roman Catholic Priest for 61 years. He entered the Novitiate at St. Mary's of the Barrens in Perryville on October 6, 1947 and Professed Vows there on October 7, 1949. He was ordained Priest at St. Mary's of the Barrens in Perryville by Bishop Leo C. Byrne on May 29, 1955. He was an U.S. Navy veteran of WW II

Survivors include two sisters, Dorothy Smoloski of Middleton, CT and Elizabeth McGahren of Gulf Shores, AL

He was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers and two sisters, John W. Fortenberry, Virginia Fortenberry, Mary Drozd, Louis Fortenberry, and Dr. Robert Fortenberry.

Visitation will be held at the Church of the Assumption at St. Mary's of the Barrens in Perryville on Tuesday, November 8 from 5:00 pm until time of prayer service at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, November 9 from 9:00 am until time of Funeral Mass at 10:00 am officiated by the provincial of the Western Province Rev. Ray VanDorpe C.M. Burial in the Vincentian Community Cemetery with military graveside honors provided by American Legion Post 133 and U.S. Naval Team.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Congregation of the Mission.

Young & Sons Funeral Home, Inc. in Perryville, MO provided the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



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Doug Rogers - November 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I first met Fr. Fortenberry in 1994, as he officiated at my wedding, at St. Patrick's in Cairo. Truly a great man and a leader, not only did Fr. Fortenberry serve his country, he also ministered to countless people and inspired all whose lives he touched.

Gary Gibula - November 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Many fond memories of Father Fortenberry. Great man. He was always there when you needed him. RIP

Karen Riney-Harper - November 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM