

Rev. Michael Hurley Obituary

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Father Michael F. Hurley

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March 12, 1915 - August 3, 2005
Born in Chicago, Illinois
Resided in Clarkdale, AZ

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Father Michael Francis Hurley, 90, pastor of St. Cecilia's Mission Catholic Church in Clarkdale died August 3. He was born March 12, 1915 in Chicago, Illinois.

He attended St. Barnabas Elementary School, St. Rita High School, both in Chicago, and Springhill College in Mobile, Alabama.

Father Hurley attended Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana from 1937 to 1943. He was ordained on May 29, 1943 in St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans by



Archbishop Rummel.

His parish assignments began at St. Peter and Paul Church in New Orleans from 1943 to 1953, St. Leo's Church in Chicago from 1953 to 1961, All Saints Church in Tucson from 1961 to 1963, St. Simon and Jude Church in Phoenix from 1963 to 1969, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Tempe from 1969 to 1971, St. Margaret's Church in Bullhead City from 1971 to 1974, St. Clement of Rome Church in Sun City from 1974 to 1976 and then to St. Cecilia's Mission Church in Clarkdale from 1976 to his retirement in July 2002.

Father Hurley was a devoted sports fan, especially to Notre Dame football. He will be remembered for his love and concern for his parishoners, his pride of his Irish heritage and his sense of humor.

He is survived by a sister Catherine Kenny, wife of the late John Kenny, sister in law: Catherine Hurley wife of the late Thomas Hurley both of Chicago, nieces and nephews, Mary Kay Durkin of Chicago wife of the late Patrick Durkin, Lt., CFD, William and Carol Riordan of Chicago, Brian and Sharon Riordan of St. Louis, Missouri, Rev. John J. Kenny, CSP, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Rev. Donald Kenny of Ecuador, Thomas and Dorothy Kenny of Indianapolis, Indiana, Thomas Hurley, Jr. and Kevin Hurley, both of Chicago, Illinois; seventeen grandnieces and grandnephews, twenty great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Bridget (Walsh) Hurley, a sister Anne and her husband John Riordan, another sister Helen and her husband Edwin Kessler, a brother Thomas Hurley and nephew John Riordan.

A visitation will be held on Monday, August 8 in St. Cecilia's Mission Catholic Church from 1-5 PM.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 9 in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church from 4-8 PM. The recitation of the Rosary will be held at 7 PM.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, August 10 in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 11:00 AM.

Burial will follow in All Souls Cemetery.

Donations in his memory may be made to St. Cecilia's Church, c/o Immaculate Conception Church 700 N. Bill Gray Rd., Cottonwood, AZ 86326.

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Your family will miss you. Your humor, compassion and energy will always be remembered. Our memories of your Chicago visits will always be treasured. We are lucky to have been blessed with "Uncle Mike". Love, Paula, Dean, Will & Alex Stahnke

The Stahnke Family - 10 years ago

FR. HURLEY ADOPTED OUR FAMILY AFTER HE CAME TO S.S.SIMON &JUDE PARISH. OUR CHILDREN A US REFERRED TO HIM AS "UNCLE MIKE" OR "SPIKE" AS HE ALWAYS GAVE THOSE TYPES OF NAMES TO OUR CHILDREN. HE SPENT MANY, MANY HOLIDAYS WITH OUR FAMILY. JANICE @ I TRAVELED A LOT WITH HIM. WE FEEL WE WERE BLESSED TO HAVE HIM AS A PART OF OUR FAMILY. HE WAS ALWAYS DEVOTED TO HIS PARISHONERS NO MATTER WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED. HIS LOVE FOR HIS GOD & CHURCH WAS UNSURPASSED. HEAVEN BECAME A BETTER PLACE UPON HIS ARRIVAL. "UNCLE MIKE" WE WILL MISS YOU. PLEASE PRAY FOR US. THE BOLLEYS

JANICE & JOHN BOLLEY - 10 years ago

Remembering all the good times we shared for over 50 years. I always think of you when I hear "Spanish Eyes". You will be missed.

Diane Brennan - 10 years ago

Hi Uncle Mike, Do you like my new shoes? You know where I got them -- On my feet! Thanks for the memories ! Maribeth, Nicole & David Wisniewski

Maribeth Wisniewski (Durkin) - 10 years ago

father hurley married colette and i on oct.5,1957 at st.leo church. our condonlences to his extended family

jim&colette kallianis - 10 years ago

I remember Fr. Hurley from his days at St. Leo's Church in Chicago. During the late 50's and early 60's, Fr. Hurley was assigned to monitor the teen-age dances held every Friday. He was always a pleasure to be around. I've thought of him often and prayed for him, but lost track of him. I read the Chicago Tribune today about his death. May God Bless Him. I'm sorry for your loss. Eternal Rest Grant unto him, who did the Lord's Work so well on this earth.

Bill O'Sullivan - 10 years ago

I'll remember Father Hurley's sense of humor, his kindness and warmth. I am fortunate to have known him. He has a very special place in my heart.

Elizabeth Clarkson - 10 years ago

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Services





Visitation


St. Cecilia's Mission Church

850 Main Street
Clarkdale, AZ US 86324

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 Monday, August 8, 2005
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

 Tuesday, August 9, 2005
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

 Monday (8/8) at St.Cecilia's Church. Tuesday (8/9) at

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Cemetery

All Souls Cemetery

700 N. Bill Gray Rd.
Cottonwood, AZ US 86326

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 Wednesday, August 10, 2005

Service

Immaculate Conception Church

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 Wednesday, August 10, 2005
10:00 AM

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