



Rev. William O'Malley (01/30/1926 - 09/06/2010)

O'MALLEY, Rev. William Mark, S.J. Born on January 30, 1926 in Vancouver, BC, Rev. William Mark O'Malley, S.J. passed away September 6, 2010 in the Jesuit Infirmary at Gonzaga University. He was 84 years old and a Catholic priest for 48 years. A naturally gifted athlete and avid golfer, Fr. O'Malley was sidelined for the past ten years by two disabling strokes. This decade of suffering was not wasted; his tenacity and grace left visitors and staff uplifted whenever they met and spoke with him and enabled them to see God's love in their own difficult circumstances. The third child of twelve, Bill was sent in 1943 by his

recently widowed mother in 1943 to board at Gonzaga High School. His brother Michael went with him and they were later joined by their brother Kevin. It was at Gonzaga that Bill would discover his vocation to the priesthood- though it would have to wait a few years. He saw action in WWII as a U.S. Army Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne and attended Gonzaga University for two years prior to entering the Society of Jesus in 1949. As part of his Jesuit training he taught at Gonzaga Prep from 1956 to 1959, and was ordained a priest in 1962 at St. Aloysius Church. The majority of his priestly career was occupied with parish work in Montana, Idaho, and Oregon; he was also active in Marriage Encounter through the retreat center in Portland for several years. Along with his Jesuit family, Fr. O'Malley is survived by one brother (Kevin of Vancouver, BC), and five sisters (Ellen Riley, Geraldine Waters, Maureen O'Brien, and Sharon Williams- all of Vancouver, BC- and Patricia Steiger of Mt. Vernon, WA). He was preceded in death by four brothers (Earl, Michael, Barry and Tim) and one sister (Mary). Their father, Patrick O'Malley, died in 1942; their mother, Patricia Whalen O'Malley, passed away in 1994. The funeral services are: Vigil Service, 7pm, Friday, September 10, and Funeral Mass, 11am, Saturday, September 11. Both will be at the Jesuit House Chapel, Gonzaga University. Inurnment will take place at 2pm, September 11, Mt. St. Michael's Cemetery.