



Fr. Donald R. Kunkel

October 2, 2011

Obituary – Fr. Donald Robert Kunkel Fr. Donald Robert Kunkel, age 85, of Lebanon, died Sunday, October 2, 2011, at Parkwood Heath Care Center in Lebanon, IN. Don was born October 15, 1925 in Jasper, IN to Claude and Marie (Schneider) Kunkel. He graduated from Jasper High School in 1943. Don served in WWII with the US Marine Corps and fought in Okinawa and participated in the occupation of China. After his military career he received a BS in teaching from Indiana State University. Following this he received an MBA and a law degree from Notre Dame University. He served as assistant prosecuting attorney for Dubois County for a number of years. Later, he entered the seminary at St. Meinrad's, studying philosophy and theology. He became a Trappist Monk for a short period, and was later ordained a Glenmary Missionary priest on May 6, 1967. During this time he was a pastor for Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Swainsboro, Georgia, then took an extended sabbatical to study communications in England for 4 years, earning yet another degree. Afterwards, he briefly served as associate pastor for Holy Family Church in the Bronx. After retiring from the priesthood, Don worked as a security dispatcher for 15 years at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. He spent his final years in Lebanon, Indiana with his family. Don had an exceptional ability to connect with people and he never forgot a name. He enjoyed playing tennis, sailing, learning foreign languages, and accumulating over 600 college credit hours. Don is survived by sister, Doris Daniel – Evansville; brother, Gerald Kunkel (Mary Jo) – Sullivan; and brother, Kenneth

Kunkel (Delorise) – Lebanon. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. A memorial will be held on Friday, October 7, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lebanon, Indiana with burial later in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper, Indiana.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fr. Donald R. Kunkel*

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“ *I met Donald when I was working at Metropolitan Museum of Arts. He was one of the most gentle souls one wishes to meet in a life time. He was kind and accommodating and I have never heard him say a bad word as long as I knew him. My condolences to his loved once. May he rest in peace.*

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“ *Ken, Dodee, and Family, I'm sorry to read of the passing of Donnie. Prayers and Sympathy.*

Sarah Berger Humphrey - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM