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Father Hilary W. Gaul, 74

Jan. 31, 1918 — May 3, 1992

LAKE PANORAMA — Hilary William Gaul, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Schechinger) Gaul was born Jan. 31, 1918 at Earling. He died May 3, 1992 at the Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, at age 74 years, three months and two days.

After graduating from St. Joseph's School in Earling, he attended St. Paul's Seminary in St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, MN. He was ordained to the priesthood March 20, 1943, and celebrated his first Mass March 22, 1943. He served as assistant pastor at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Des Moines, St. Francis Catholic Church in Co. Bluffs; St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia; and St. Anthony Catholic church in Des Moines. He then served as Pastor at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Mary's, before moving to Indianola where in 1957. he established the parish and built the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. He later moved to Sacred Heart parish in West Des Moines where he built a new church and a large addition to the school. Later he moved to St. Patrick Catholic Church in Perry. He retired from the pastorate in 1986, and resided at Lake Panorama until the time of his death. He was an Iowa State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus from 1979 to 1983.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph. He is survived by nine brothers: Isadore (Madeline) and Sylvester (Betty) Gaul, all of Davenport; Ferdinand (Dorothy) and Fr. Cornelius Gaul, all of Earling; Francis (Claire) Gaul of Long View, WA.; Gerald (Bernice) Gaul of Earling; Peter Jr. (Hilary Mae) Gaul of Melbourne, FL.; Leo (Aggie) Gaul of Earling and Charles (Irene) Gaul of Holt, MO.; a sister, Adelaide (Peter) Croghan of Woodbine; numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, May 5 with Rev. Cornelius Gaul, Celebrant and Rev. Benedict Kenkel, Homilist. Assisting was Deacon Leo Gaul. Also concelebrating were other Priests of the Des Moines Diocese. The Most Rev. William Bullock, Bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines gave the Final Commendation. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Earling with Tim Gaul, Bill Hoye, Jeff Gaul, Terry Dell, Phil Croghan and Larry Gaul, casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.