

Vincent Waltz, 72

May 19, 1935 - Sept. 8, 2007

PANAMA - Vincent Joseph Waltz was born May 19, 1935, to Leo and Cecelia (Goeser) Waltz in Panama. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. He attended St. Mary's High School and joined the United States Marine Corps Oct. 15, 1956. He achieved the rank of Corporal before his honorable discharge in September of 1958. Upon his return to Iowa, he entered Conception Abbey in Conception, MO, and later transferred to Mount Bernard's Seminary and was ordained as a Catholic priest in 1966. After being ordained, he was assigned to Assumption Church in Granger as an assistant pastor. The next year, he went to St. Michael's in Harlan and then in 1968 to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in West Des Moines, where he stayed until 1974.

June 4, 1975, Vincent married Mary "Do" Doyle in Des Moines. The couple had three foster children, Jeremy, John, and Jason Wyatt. Vincent continued his ministry at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Newton, from 1983 to 1994. He was also on the pastoral staff at the Newton Correctional Facility, and the Iowa Prison for Women at Mitchellville. He participated in the U. S. National Senior Sports Classic and the Iowa Games, winning awards in running events during both competitions. Vincent and Do moved to the Elm Crest Assisted Living in December of 2005. It was there that he died Sept. 8, 2007, at age 72 years, three months, and 20 days.

Vincent was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Geraldine. He is survived by his wife, Do Waltz of Harlan; his foster children, Jeremy and John Wyatt, both of Grinnell, and Jason Wyatt of Panama; his brother, Gerald Waltz (Janice) of Portsmouth; nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 13, 2007, with Rev. Bob Schoemann celebrating at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Casket bearers were Derek Schmitz, Matt Schmitz, Josh Schmitz, Jason Wyatt, Paul Waltz, and Tim Waltz. Burial was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

