



Fr. Thomas E. Mallowney

December 1, 1927 - June 29, 2024

Rev. Thomas E. Mallowney, 96, of Kearney, died Saturday, June 29, 2024 at Mount Carmel Home Keens Memorial in Kearney. Funeral Mass and Burial will be 10:30 am, July 3, 2024 at St. James Catholic Church with Bishop Joseph G. Hanefeldt presiding and priests of the Diocese of Grand Island concelebrating. Burial will follow the service at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, July 2, 2024 at St. James Catholic Church with a wake service at 7:00 pm. Memorials are suggested to Kearney Catholic High School Foundation or Mt. Carmel Home Keens Memorial. The service will be livestreamed at <https://stjameschurchkearney.org/>

Fr. Tom was born December 1, 1927 in Omaha, Nebraska to Vance and Mary (Lustig) Mallowney. He grew up in Omaha attending Omaha Holy Name, St. Bernards, and Benson grade schools until moving to Kearney at the age of 9. He attended St. James School in Kearney, then for the next 12 years, Pontifical College and Josephinum Seminary in Columbus, OH. Fr. Tom was ordained a Catholic Priest at the Seminary May 30, 1953. He served 1 year as Associate at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grand Island, 4 months at St. Michael's in Spalding, NE, 3 ½ years at St. Patrick's in Sidney. He then was Pastor at Church of the Visitation at O'Connor, NE for 7 years and taught at Sacred Heart School in Greeley. Then he was appointed Superintendent of St. Patrick's Schools in North Platte and Chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital for 6 years. Then Pastor at St. Peter and Paul in St. Paul, NE for 1 year, St. Ann's

in Lexington for 2 years, Blessed Sacrament in Grand Island for 7 years, Christ The King in Cozad and Our Lady of Good Counsel in Gothenburg for 7 years, St. Luke's Catholic Church in Ogallala for 6 years, and Sacred Heart in Shelton for 2 years before retiring and moving to Kearney. Following retirement, he assisted with services in Grand Island Diocese and at Mt. Carmel Home for many years. Fr. Mallowney was also the Diocesan Spiritual Director for the Cursillo Movement for 25 years.

Fr. Mallowney loved his life as a priest and for the Church and God. He enjoyed his fellowship with family and many other priests, clergy, and parishioners..

Fr. Tom is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Fr. Tom was preceded in death by his brothers, James, Robert, and M. Paul Mallowney, and sister, JoAnne Nickel.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Wake Service

JUL 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Funeral Mass

JUL 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall

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“ *Fr. Tom was my last living first cousin on my dad's side. He was very dear to me and I'm grieved that I just learned of his passing. He was so fun and always there for me whether in the loss of my parents or just going out for dinner in Kearney or having lunch at the Elk's Club in Lincoln when he was in town. I remember going to his ordination and then to the 50 year celebration. What a life well lived!* ”

Beth Mallowney Fischer - December 28, 2024 at 06:39 PM

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“ *Shayla and Aaron Family! purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Fr. Thomas E. Mallowney.* ”



Shayla and Aaron Family! - July 02, 2024 at 12:15 AM

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“ *Shayla and Aaron Family! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fr. Thomas E. Mallowney.* ”

Shayla and Aaron Family! - July 02, 2024 at 12:15 AM