



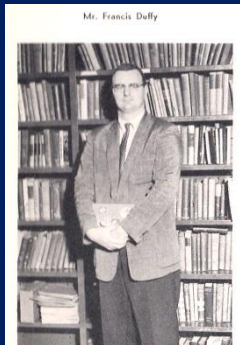
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Rev. Mr. Francis A. Duffy former West Catholic Teacher

Deacon Francis Aloysius Duffy of St. John Bosco Parish, Millville, died on Friday morning, March 20, in the Hospice-In-Patient Center, Bridgeton. He was 81. Born and raised in Philadelphia, he joined the United States Army Air Force after graduating high school. He served during World War II, as a Sergeant Weather Observer.



Deacon Duffy then graduated from LaSalle College in Philadelphia, with a bachelor's degree in English and received his master's degree in Education from Glassboro State University (now Rowan University). He worked for West Catholic High School in Philadelphia as an English teacher for four years.

He then moved to Millville and worked for the Millville Board of Education at the high school for 34 years, and retired in 1994. Deacon Duffy was the English Department chairperson, and he also taught in the evening division for many years at LaSalle College.

Ordained in 1997, Deacon Duffy was active with St. John Bosco Parish. A longtime member of the Little Theatre in Vineland, he had leading roles in "The Lion in Winter" and "On Golden Pond," among others. Over the years, he was a frequent guest lecturer on books and arts and various civic organizations.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1778 of Millville. "Deacon Frank Duffy had a long history in education, and he carried his communications skills into his ministry as a deacon," remembered Deacon Leo McBlain, director of the Camden Diocese's Office of the Diaconate.

Deacon Duffy is survived by his wife Edna Mary (Haury); his children, Kathleen E. Duffy and husband Glenn Murray of Bend, OR, Michael F. Duffy and wife Joanne of Millville, Edward F. Duffy, and wife Eileen M. of Vineland, and Theresa Ann Duffy-Diamant and husband Ernest of Lawrence Twp.; six grandchildren, Jennifer Duffy, Jessica Lore, Sean Duffy, Jacquelyn Bagby, Evelyn Duffy, and Matthew Duffy; and three great-grandchildren, Cody Lore, Christopher Duffy, and Tyler Duffy. He was predeceased by his parents Aloysius and Rose (Callahan) Duffy.

A funeral liturgy was celebrated last Wednesday at St. John Bosco. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Millville. The family requests memorial contributions to be made to Hospice Care of South Jersey, P.O. Box 160, Bridgeton, NJ 08302. Thursday, 26 March 2009