

Father Basil Finken, OSB, 95

May 30, 1912 - Oct. 13, 2007

ATCHISON, KS - Father Basil Finken, OSB, was born May 30, 1912, in Defiance, son of Matt and Susan (Jacoby) Finken. He was baptized, received his First Communion and Confirmed at St. Peter's Church in Defiance. He attended and graduated from St. Paul's in Defiance.

He attended Dowling in Des Moines for one year, and graduated from St. Benedict's College in 1937, majoring in philosophy. Father Basil professed his vows as a Benedictine monk on June 13, 1935, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 18, 1940 by Bishop Paul Schulte. Father Basil spent most of his years as a pastor and chaplain. He served as Assistant Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, Seneca; St. Benedict's, Atchison; St. Benedict's, Kansas City, KS; St. John's, Burlington; and as Chaplain of St. Scholastica Monastery, Chicago, IL; and as Pastor of St. Bede's, Kelly, KS; Sts. Peter and Paul, Seneca, KS; St. John's, Burlington; St. Benedict's, Kansas City, KS; Sts. Joseph and Benedict, Kansas City, KS; and St. Joseph's, Atchison, KS. He died Oct. 13, 2007, at age 95.

Father Basil was preceded in death by his parents, Matt and Susan Finken, and his brothers and sisters, Longinus Finken, Bill Finken, Bernice Finken, Sister Augustine Finken, OSB, Howard Finken, Gail Finken, and Mary Jane Slettedahl. He is survived by one sister, Alice Stolz of Harlan, and his sister-in-law, Lolly Finken in Omaha, and many nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Benedict's Abbey Church Oct. 16, 2007, with burial at the Abbey Cemetery. Abbot Barnabas Senecal celebrating and con-celebrated by 20 Benedictine Priests.

