

## **Msgr. John F. Kovacs, 80**

**DES MOINES** - Msgr. John F. Kovacs was born in Egeg, Slovakia. He moved to the United States May 2, 1951.

He was a Roman Catholic Priest for the Diocese of Des Moines and was ordained June 15, 1941, in Estergom, Hungary and served in the Hungarian Army as a chaplain with the 22nd Royal Infantry Regiment during World War II on the Russian front; at St. Boniface Church in Westphalia from 1951 to 1953; was chaplain at Bishop Drumm Care Center from 1953 to 1956; was Pastor at St. Mary's Church in Lacona from 1956 to 1975 and at St. Patrick's Church in Corning from 1975 to 1983. He retired in 1983 and since that time has lived at the priests' residence in West Des Moines. He was a member of Dowling General Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. He died at his home Nov. 20, 1997, at age 80.

He is survived by a sister, Maria Marcekova of Bratislava, Slovakia.

Services were held Nov. 26, 1997, at Basilica of St. John Church in Des Moines, with burial in the Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines. Dunn's Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Priest's Pension Fund, Diocese of Des Moines or Dowling High School.

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