

Fr. Maurice Schulte dead at 72

A Mass of Resurrection was celebrated Oct. 17 for Father Maurice J. Schulte at St. Joseph Parish in Winterset, where he had been pastor.

Bishop William Bullock presided and gave the final commendation. Interment was at Beaver Catholic Cemetery in Granger.

Father Schulte, 72, suffered a massive heart attack Oct. 9 and died Oct. 14 at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.

Father Schulte was born in Granger and grew up in Assumption Parish. After graduating from Granger High School he attended Dowling in Des Moines and St. Ambrose College in Davenport. He studied for the priesthood at St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. and was ordained on June 7, 1941, by Bishop Gerald T. Bergan.

After ordination, Father

Schulte served as an assistant pastor at St. Mary Parish, Portsmouth (1941-42) and St. Joseph Parish, Earling (1942-44) before joining the U.S. Navy as a chaplain during World War II (1944-46).

He returned to the Earling parish after his wartime service and remained there until 1948 when he was named chaplain at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Des Moines (1948-62). In addition to St. Joseph in Winterset (1982-88), Father Schulte served as pastor at St. Boniface Parish, Waukee and St. John Parish, Adel (1953-64); St. Patrick Parish, Perry (1964-74) and St. Pius Parish, Urbandale (1974-82).

Father Schulte also served as chaplain to the Catholic Daughters of America in 1970, 1975 and 1979.

He is survived by three brothers, Father Joseph, Cle-



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ment and George; three sisters, Sister Mary Maurice, Frances Michael and Theresa, who is office manager for The Catholic Mirror; and many nieces and nephews.