

OBITUARY

REV. MICHAEL MORIARTY

July 11, 1955

Rev. Michael Moriarty was born September 19, 1892 in Ballyferriter, County Kerry, Ireland and died July 6, 1955, at the St. Francis hospital following a stroke. He had been ill for the past two weeks.

The son of James and Mary Sheehy Moriarty, he attended All Hallows Seminary in Dublin, Ireland where he was ordained to priesthood on June 19, 1919.

His first assignment to the Davenport Diocese was as assistant pastor at Lyons and Keokuk. In 1923 he was appointed pastor of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Farmington and in 1930 to St. Mary's in Tipton. He also served as pastor at St. Mary's in West Burlington and at S. S. Philip and James Church in Grand Mound. He was appointed chaplain at St. Francis hospital in Grinnell in 1942 and held that post until his death.

He is survived by three brothers, Pat of Rochester, Minnesota, Thomas and James of Ireland, and by one sister, Sister Mary Brendan of Ireland. Another brother, Rev. John Moriarty, is deceased.

Also surviving is an aunt, Mrs. Bridget Shaw of Des Moines and an uncle, Rev. Daniel Sheehy, also of Des Moines.

Rosary services were held Thursday, July 7, from the Smith Funeral Home.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell on Friday, July 8. Rev. John Manning of Mount Pleasant was the Celebrant and Rev. A. U. Hauber of Victor was the Deacon. Rev. James Janssen of Newton was the Sub-Deacon and Rev. Paul D. Moore, former pastor of St. Mary's Church in Grinnell, had charge of the sermon.

Pallbearers were L. W. Brock, Joe Becker, Leo Flanagan, Joe Van Horn, Charles Vogel and Ed Hughes.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Grinnell.