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DEACON WILLIAM J. F. DAVIS PASSES AWAY



COLUMBUS – Rev. Mr. William J. F. “Bill” Davis passed away on August 9, 2016, following a lengthy illness.

Deacon Davis was born on May 30, 1930, to William and Gertrude (Kepple) Davis in Fall River, Massachusetts. He was ordained to the permanent diaconate on February 1, 1997, by the Most Reverend James A. Griffin, Bishop of Columbus.

He served in diaconal ministry at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Westerville, and later at St. Peter Parish, Columbus. After retiring from diaconal ministry in 2007, Deacon Davis assisted at St. Joan of Arc Parish, Powell, by visiting the sick and homebound.

He received a bachelor’s degree in political science from Providence College in Rhode Island, and subsequently served in the United States Army, retiring in 1990 with the rank of Sergeant Major. He also served as owner and president of Columbus’ Lauterbach and Eilber Insurance Agency.

Deacon Davis was preceded in death by his wife, Anne (Connors) Davis, and is survived by their four daughters, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

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Family will receive friends on Sunday, August 14, at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 N. High St., Worthington, from 1-4 p.m., with a Vigil/Rosary Service at 3 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, August 15, at 10 a.m., at St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty St., Powell; Msgr. John K. Cody will be the celebrant and Deacon Jim Rouse will be the homilist. Burial will follow at Resurrection Cemetery, 9571 N. High St., Columbus.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joan of Arc Parish's St. Vincent DePaul Society.