



## Rev. Joseph F. Maisonneuve

August 12, 1949 - August 4, 2011

The Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, Order of Carmelites, mourns the death of the Rev. Joseph Floran Maisonneuve, O.Carm., who died at the age of 61 Aug. 4, 2011, at his home in Kankakee. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. Tuesday until the 10:30 a.m. Mass of Resurrection at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 486 W. Merchant St., Kankakee. Committal services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mount Olivet Cemetery Chapel in Chicago. Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in honor of Father Joseph Maisonneuve, O. Carm., to the Memorials Society of Mount Carmel, 1317 Frontage Road, Darien, IL 60561. Father Joseph was born Aug. 12, 1949, in Kankakee, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (White) Maisonneuve. He attended St. Patrick Grade School and later St. Rose of Lima Grade School, both in Kankakee. In 1964, he entered high school for his first year at the Carmelite Seminary in Niagara Falls, Ontario. He completed his remaining high school years at Mount Carmel Junior Seminary in Hamilton, Mass. After graduating from high school in 1968, he entered as a novice at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Priory in Niagara Falls, Ontario. He received the Carmelite habit Aug. 21, 1969. He professed simple vows to the Carmelites in the Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary Aug. 22, 1970, in Niagara Falls, Ontario. For the next two years, Brother Joseph studied hotel and restaurant cookery at Milwaukee Area Technical College in Milwaukee, Wis., where he received an associate degree in applied science. After

graduating, Joseph served a ministry assignment as the assistant dean of discipline at Carmel High School in Mundelein. During his time there, Brother Joseph also became the cafeteria manager and theology teacher. Making his solemn profession with the Carmelites on Aug. 23, 1975, in Mundelein, he continued his education at Loyola University, Chicago, where in 1979 he received his bachelor of science degree in education. He moved to Washington, D.C., and studied theology (canon law) at Washington Theological Union, where in 1986 he received his master's degree in theology. He was ordained a priest May 16, 1986, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libertyville. Father Joseph began his Carmelite ministry in 1972 teaching at Carmel High School in Mundelein. That first teaching assignment led to a career in secondary schools that spanned 22 years. After 10 years at Carmel High School in Mundelein, Father Joseph moved south to Joliet Catholic High School, where he taught until the school merged with the Franciscan Sisters and became Joliet Catholic Academy (JCA) in 1990. Father Joseph continued at JCA for the next eight years. In 1998, Father Joseph attended the Center for Aging, Religion and Spirituality, Geriatric Pastoral Care Institute in St. Paul, Minn., where he received a certificate in geriatric chaplaincy. After his internship at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in Joliet, he became the full-time chaplain there. In 2001, Father Joseph re-entered his teaching career at De Sales High School in Louisville, Ky., where he taught for the next four years. During that time he also served at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Louisville as associate pastor and later administrator. In 2006, he took a medical sabbatical and moved to Carmelite Carefree Village in Darien. After one year there he took residence at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Darien, before entering retirement in 2008. In March of 2009, he moved from Darien to Kankakee, where he served as prior of the community there until his death. Father Joseph was a member of the Association of Professional Chaplains and the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. Father Joseph stated that both assignments, as teacher and chaplain to the aged, were a blessing and a gift from God. May he rest in peace.

Surviving are his brother, Jerome, and sister-in-law, Sharon Maisonneuve , of Joliet ; three aunts, Alice Humphrey, of Florida, Bridgie and Elwin Kingsnorth, and Loretta LaFrance, all of Kankakee; and many cousins, including Cheryl and Tim McCue. For further information on the Rev. Joseph Maisonneuve, O.Carm., or the Order of Carmelites, contact Carmelite Media at 630-971-0724 or visit the Carmelite website at [www.carmelnet.org](http://www.carmelnet.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

2755 W. 111th St.  
Chicago, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Church  
486 W. Merchant St.  
Kankakee, IL  
(815) 933-9391  
<http://www.strosekankakee.com/index.htm>

## Funeral Mass

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## Cemetery Chapel Service

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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ 1 file added to the album *Rev. Joseph Floran Maisonneuve, O. Carm.*



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**Steve G. Stevanovich** - July 23, 2016 at 09:22 PM

D'

“ *Brother Joe was a great guy who will be well remembered.*



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**David Nyre CHS - Class of '77** - August 20, 2011 at 08:12 PM

EA

“ *Eddalu Anderson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Joseph F. Maisonneuve*



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**Eddalu Anderson** - August 17, 2011 at 08:57 PM

JJ

“ *Father Joe preceeded over my marriage back in 1987 and was an unbelievable mentor and friend. He taught me many a lifes lesson and I am deeply saddened by his passing. During my HS days he learned of a little scrap I got into outside of school with another classmate and made us both stay after scholl and put on these humongous boxing gloves and then watched as we both swung harmlessley at each other, eventually laughing so hard and becoming friends. He was quite the gentle giant with a sneaky sense of humor! Rest in peace my friend!*  
*Jerry Jaskowiak - Class of 1981*

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**Jerome P. Jaskowiak** - August 11, 2011 at 11:47 AM

MS

“ *Carmel H.S. was certainly a special place in it's own right, but back in the late 70's Brother (Father) Joe was certainly one of the very special people that made Carmel most memorable. To this very day, Brother Joe is the central figure in many of my most cherished experiences of my high school years. It's a bit mind boggling to realize what a positive impact his spirit and insight has had on my life over the past 30 plus years.*



*I will be eternally grateful for his soft spoken and sincere care he expressed for his students.*

*Mark A Sanderson  
Carmel HS Class of 1979*

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**Mark A Sanderson** - August 10, 2011 at 07:01 AM

RM

“ Along with the others, I met Father Joe my freshman year at Carmel for Boy's in Mundelein, IL., through the math and bachelor survival classes we became close friends, although the real teaching came from his huge unselfish caring and compassionate ways for people, I am proud to say that he was a great friend and mentor, a stepping stone in the right direction of life that comes to seldom, in 1988 he married my wife and I, always in the right place, he provided guidance and direction to thousands of young men, I feel blessed, I am blessed.  
I know there is more to come, he just has you paving the way.

You will be missed,

Robert J. Markus  
CHS Class of "77"

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Robert J. Markus - August 09, 2011 at 09:17 PM

CJ

“ I will remember Brother Joe in his brown Carmelite robe and sash roaming the halls, teaching algebra and bachelor survival classes. He was one of a great generation of "brothers" at Carmel in the years I spent there. He taught me life lessons outside of the classroom, I was lucky to have known him. Peace Brother Joe,  
Chris Johnson

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Chris Johnson - August 09, 2011 at 09:14 PM

TE

“ *Father(Brother) touch many lives through his time. He was instrumental in introducing us 36 years ago. We both worked at Carmel High school -Mary Jo in the rectory and I as a part of the high school custodial staff. I remember when he received his little dog and how happy he was to get the dog. We enjoyed our visit in Washington and always thought we would be able to get together once again....once again will be in the here-after now.....to the family Tim met many years ago in Kankakee and Florida we send our condolences....may you rest in peace Father Joe.*

*Love Tim and Mary Jo Egan*



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**Tim and Mary Jo Egan** - August 09, 2011 at 08:07 PM

JM

“ *I still remember Father Joe when he was still a brother. He had been my sophomore math teacher for Applied Math back in 1980-81. He was a very good teacher, and I still remember that this class was the first time I had heard of the concept of "board feet". I'm sure I'll remember him for years to come.*

*Jeff Marsh, Carmel HS for Boys, Class of 1983*

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**Jeff Marsh** - August 09, 2011 at 07:13 PM

RA

“ I knew him as Brother Joe and I was his student, and later learned I was his friend. He taught in many different ways, not just out of a book. When he spoke you really had to pay attention, because it was like whisper. I really didn't like it at first, then I realize at that level it was a very private conversation and that he really cared. The room was always better with him in it.

*Robert Allport*  
1979

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**Robert Allport** - August 09, 2011 at 05:35 PM

JM

“ RIP - Father Joe was a good man who was devoted to education. All of us whom he taught are better people for it. James V. Merlo  
Carmel High School Class of 1976

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**James V Merlo** - August 09, 2011 at 05:30 PM

DK

“ Fr. Joe was one of my High School teachers at Carmel. He taught me a number of life skills including, how to box. He would frequently settle arguments and fights by taking the two fighting kids into the cafeteria, roping off the serving area into a boxing ring, handing us the gloves and letting us beat the crap out of each other until we had enough. If you ever had this happen to you at Carmel in full view of the entire high school student body you learned a valuable lesson about keeping your temper and arguments in check. He also was a very caring person despite his somewhat gruff exterior. When our father died when I graduated from high school it was Fr. Joe that quietly arranged to provide me with a \$500 scholarship that allowed me to pay my first semester tuition at NIU. You could say that if not for Fr. Joe, I would not be where I am today and would not be as successful without his guidance.

*Here's to you Brother Joe!*

*Dale Kluga  
Class of 1977*

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**Dale Kluga** - August 09, 2011 at 05:18 PM

GG

“ I, along with others here, met Joe as a freshman in Niagara in 1964. We came to be great friends along with so many others that year and continued through hs. As said, he was lone survivor of the class although we were with him in prayers and thoughts throughout the years. We got back together when he taught here in Louisville but lost contact again when he left. He will be missed in so many ways. What a great human being and friend to many, many others. I am proud to say he was mine and i am better because of him. Rest in peace, "new house"..

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**Gary Gray** - August 09, 2011 at 07:54 AM

JL

“ I, too, attended the Carmelite junior seminaries, first in Niagara Falls then Hamilton, Massachusetts as a classmate and friend of Joe "Mais". He knew the names of all the umpires in major league baseball, and loved Kankakee. He was a big guy, but never stood out until you needed him, then he was there for you all the way. His role model and mentor was Father Oliver Coleman, O.Carm. Though I have only spoken to him once in the past 40 years, I feel a great sense of loss. He was a good man.

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**Jeff Lineberry** - August 08, 2011 at 10:50 PM

GB

“ Mais was the sole survivor from the class of 68, but, in so many ways, the best of the class. He was a friend of mine. I hope I was a friend of his. *Requiescas in pacem, frater.*

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**Gregory Budnik** - August 08, 2011 at 09:49 PM

KD

“ I was in Fr. Joe's high school seminary class first in Niagara Falls, Ontario and then in Hamilton, MA. Everyone liked Joe and we remained friends throughout his life. He was one of the most humble people I've ever known. He didn't ask for much. Just a little respect and some peace. He touched the lives on many and endured pain and declining health with grace. I'm very thankful to have known him and we all now have someone else in heaven pulling for us.

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**Kevin Duffy** - August 08, 2011 at 07:30 AM

LC

“ Joe was a Carmelite man of service. He lived a Carmelite life of "servare, sed not servari" (To serve, Not to be served). His jovial personality and always friendly manner lit up the Carmelite College Community at Carmel Hall in Milwaukee. He reminded me of Jackie Gleason - both in heart and in humor. You could always tell that Joe was coming from a mile a way as he was always puffing on one of his little stogies. God's Peace and Eternal Reward.



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**Leo Strickland, San Francisco, CA** - August 06, 2011 at 06:51 PM

MA

He was Brother Joe to me and many others at Carmel High School for Boys in Mundelein. He ran the cafeteria and had a small dog that he adored. He was very humble and good natured and had a great laugh. He was a special friend of the full-time maintenance guys (like John DeCaire) and the students who cleaned up the school at night (I was one of them). We had break at 5:00 pm and he would always come back to the cafeteria and let us eat sandwiches and chips for free. He didn't try to preach or impose himself on us. He sat back and listened, usually with a smile. He loved being a Carmelite and was proud to be a brother. What a great soul!

*Brother Joe, you filled the world with love at CHS.*

*Mike Abernathy, '75*

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**Michael Abernathy** - August 09, 2011 at 05:41 PM

KO

*Brother Joe was a good friend to my family in the 1980s. When our mom died in 1983, he wrote us a beautiful letter of condolence that we have still kept. We attended Christmas Eve mass in the Carmel chapel for many years--Br. Joe often co-officiated and gave some wonderful holiday homilies. I recall him once presiding with Fr. Leon and commenting "He always makes me do the dishes" as Br. Joe removed the bread and wine at the conclusion of communion.*

*In those days "Tiny" his Chihuahua was a loyal and constant companion.*

*During my dishwasher days, I learned Br. Joe was a great singer, given to variations of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean." He was an excellent math teacher. I wasn't in his class, but I have heard that on occasion he would deal with disruptive or daydreaming students by sailing a chalkboard eraser in their direction.*

*My condolences to his friends and family.*

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**Katherine O'Brien** - August 10, 2011 at 06:01 PM

TH

*I was appointed as a judge by the community. Fr. Joe, my high school colleague and described so thoughtfully by others in this list, was a natural judge.*

*He was thoughtful; he listened; he queried the answer if necessary and he always made the best decisions. Best of all, he was our friend.*

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**The Honourable** - August 21, 2011 at 06:36 AM