

Archbishop Clarence Francis Quinn Jr.



Quinn, Archbishop Clarence Francis, Jr. age 85, died on Sunday, February 5, 2012 in Dallas. Clarence was born in Houston, TX on May 20, 1926, the son of Dr. Clarence F. and Kathleen (Schenewerk) Quinn. Clarence attended Texas City High School, and St. Mary's Seminary in LaPorte, TX where he was ordained a priest in the Catholic Diocese of Galveston-Houston on February 17, 1951 by Bishop Wendell Nold. His first mass was at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Texas City. Clarence served as an assistant pastor at four parishes in Houston: St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, St. Michael's, and St. Christopher's, and at a parish in Port Arthur. He was named pastor to parishes in Needville, LaPorte, and then Texas City. In the 1970's he was received into Orthodoxy by Bishop Bartholomew and a few years later was elevated to a bishop and archbishop by Archbishop Andrew Zervetsky affiliated with the American Orthodox Church. Clarence married Helen Ellison Porter in 1968. Together they were pioneers in nursing home administration. Licensed by State of Texas as administrators, they opened several retirement residences: Quinn Country Club Retirement Living in Tom Bean, TX and the Quinn Retirement Residence in Dallas. Clarence was an accomplished pianist, playing regularly at restaurants, nursing homes, country clubs and private parties. He began playing in a dance band (The Blue Jays) as a teen-ager during World War II. He played the organ for several choirs and continued a life-long career in music. As a Boy Scout he reached the rank of Life Scout and he remained active in scouting as an adult. In 1953, Clarence passed the general license for amateur radio operator. On the air he was known as "Padre." As an amateur radio operator with mobile equipment, he became active in civil defense. Predeceased by his wife Helen, Clarence is survived by his sister, Mary Ann Moore of Austin, TX; her children and their families: Robert Quinn Moore of Liberty Hill, TX; Mark and Maureen Moore Scheevel of Austin with daughters Julia Scheevel and Caroline Scheevel; and Jeffrey Joseph Moore with daughter Sara Moore of Arlington Heights, IL; two stepsons, and numerous cousins. Private entombment at the Episcopal Mausoleum of the Diocese of Dallas. A Memorial Service to celebrate Clarence's life will take place at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 8 at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 4052 Herschel Avenue, Dallas, TX 75219. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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