

Rev. Daniel Cassiero, 66

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Air Force chaplain taught at Farrell, Moore



Family Photo Rev. Daniel Cassiero, 2007

STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE - The Rev. Daniel Cassiero, a former Staten Islander and retired teacher, U.S. Air Force major, chaplain and social worker, died Saturday at his home in Albuquerque, N.M. He was 66.

Born in Manhattan, he grew up in the Bronx and graduated from New Rochelle High School in Westchester County. In 1968, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, he was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of New York.

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Father Cassiero's first posting was at St. Teresa's R.C. Church, Castleton Corners. In 1970, he began teaching at Monsignor Farrell High School, Oakwood.

In 1979, he became a chaplain in the Air Force, stationed at Little Rock (Ark.) Air Force Base, and next served at Kirkland Air Force Base in New Mexico.

He returned to Manhattan briefly, serving as master of ceremonies at St. Patrick's Cathedral, but returned to Air Force chaplaincy in 1986, assigned to Plattsburgh Air Force Base in upstate New York. He retired in 1988 with the rank of major.

Father Cassiero then taught in Fairfax County, Va., public schools before returning to the Island, where he taught at Moore Catholic High School in Graniteville. He attended Fordham University at night and received his master's degree in social work in 1995. He then became a clinical social worker for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Manhattan, aiding homeless and addicted veterans.

Father Cassiero retired from the VA in 2004 and moved to Albuquerque with his partner, Craig Stoebling. While there, he enjoyed volunteering for the VA pharmacy in Albuquerque.

"He served in a variety of ministries, where he was known for his humor and the quality of his preaching," said Stoebling, his partner of 10 years.

The funeral will be tomorrow from the French Mortuary, with a mass at 9 a.m. in St. Bernadette R.C. Church, both Albuquerque. Arrangements include cremation.

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