



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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Dear Msgr, Father and Deacon,

Rev. Mr. Kenneth Lee Drummer died unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday August 2, 2017 in Lakeland Florida. Deacon Drummer was born on September 1, 1953 in Knoxville, Tennessee to Richard and Mary Jeanette (Jones) Drummer.

Deacon Drummer was married on February 5, 1977 to Suzanne (Shaw) Drummer. They have one daughter, Sarah, and two grandsons. He spent most his working career banker and accountant with various financial institutions. At the time of his death he was working at IBM where he maintained an office in both Lakeland, Florida and Charlotte, North Carolina. Along with his wife, daughter and grandchildren, Deacon Drummer is survived by his parents, his brother, Richard, and his sister, Kimberly.

Prior to his ordination, Ken was baptized and grew up as a Southern Baptist and later made his Solemn Profession of Faith as a Roman Catholic in 1973 at Holy Spirit Church in Lexington, Kentucky. He received his Bachelor's degree (1975) and his graduate degree (1977) in Business Administration from the University of Kentucky. He entered the Loyola University of New Orleans program for Pastoral Studies (LIMEX) prior to his being accepted as a diaconate candidate in 1996. He entered the Columbus Diocesan Diaconal School of Theology to begin studies for the permanent Diaconate in 1997.

Ken was ordained on February 3, 2001 by Bishop James A. Griffin in Saint Joseph Cathedral. He was assigned to diaconal ministry at Saint Agatha Parish in Columbus where he served until 2004. He was assigned to diaconal ministry in the newly formed Perry County Consortium from 2004-2005. His job took him to Florida in 2005 where he was granted canonical faculties and was assigned to St. Anthony Parish in the Diocese of Orlando until 2010. He later served at St. Joseph Parish, Lakeland from 2011 until his death.

Arrangements are being handled by Heath Funeral Home in Lakeland Florida. Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, August 12, 2017 at St. Joseph Church 210 W. Lemon Street, Lakeland Florida with the Most Rev. Bishop John G. Noonan presiding. The family will receive friends at a reception following Mass in the parish hall. Donations may be made to St. Joseph Academy at 310 Frank Lloyd Wright Way Lakeland Florida 33803

As is our tradition, Deacons are asked to have a Mass offered at their parish sometime in the next year for Deacon Drummer. Mass cards may be sent to Mrs. Suzanne Drummer 7915 Ridge Pointe Dr. W. Lakeland Florida 33810. May Deacon Kenneth L. Drummer rest in peace with Our Risen Lord.

Sincerely in Christ,

Deacon Frank A. Iannarino
Director, Office of the Diaconate