



## Rt. Rev. Russell E. Jacobus

September 27, 1944 - October 24, 2023

Russ passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at the age of 79. He was born in Bay View, WI, on September 27, 1944, to the late Lester and Sarah (Leistikow) Jacobus. Russ graduated from UW-Milwaukee and then matriculated to Nashotah House Seminary and was ordained deacon and priest in 1970. On May 24, 1994 he was consecrated as the Seventh Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac. He married the love of his life, Jerrie, on May 25, 1968. They had three wonderful children: Penny, Beth, and David, who filled their life with lots of love, mischief, and adventure. He was well loved and loved well. He and Jerrie were married for 55 years, traveled the road where God led them, always one hand reaching out to hold the other. Russ enjoyed playing games, especially cribbage and sheephead, and traveling in retirement. He loved music of all kinds: sacred, Broadway hits, and dancing to the oldies. He loved meeting people and sharing himself and his faith.

He will be deeply missed by Jerrie, his wife, and his children, Penny Valvo (Vincent J – granddaughters Isabella and Madison), Elizabeth Duffy (Craig), and David Jacobus (Alexandra); brother, Kenneth Jacobus of Anchorage, AK; sister-in-law, Kathleen Evrard; nieces and nephews, Cheri Workman (David), Rachel Calleja (Michael), Jenny Larson (Neil), Stacy Evrard (Greg), and Nathan Evrard (Sara), Renee Evrard Ward (David) and Amanda Evrard (Tim) ; goddaughters, Anne McClung (Craig) and Kate Dennert (Joe). He is further

survived by well-loved Up North cousins and many wonderful friends he met on his way to heaven.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sarah and Lester Jacobus; infant brother, Peter Jacobus; mother-in-law Evelyn Evrard, brothers-in-law, James Evrard, Eugene Evrard, and Joseph Evrard.

“Well done Thou Good and Faithful Servant”

SERVICES: A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 2nd at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 51 W. Division St., Fond du Lac, the Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter presiding. A visitation will precede the service from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. A luncheon will follow. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the Diocese of Fond du Lac or the Cathedral of St. Paul .

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Cathedral Church of St. Paul  
51 West Division Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## Funeral Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *Jerrie, Teryl and I wanted to send our condolences to you and your children at the passing of Russ. He was such a wonderful priest for us as Teryl and I prepared for our marriage on November 23, 1991. It meant a lot to receive his blessing as a couple as well as his blessing our new home. He was also a great support for me at the time of an unexpected job loss in 1986. We remember fondly his kindness and gentleness. May you and your family feel God and Russ's presence during this time of grief. Jay and Teryl O'Grady*

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**Joseph O'Grady Jr.** - November 28, 2023 at 12:35 PM

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“ *Chad Siehr sent a virtual gift in memory of Russell Jacobus*



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**Chad Siehr** - October 30, 2023 at 03:40 AM

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“ *Chad Siehr lit a candle in memory of Russell Jacobus*



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**Chad R Siehr** - October 30, 2023 at 03:33 AM

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“ *May Bishop Jacobus Rest in Peace!!! I met him back 1997 or so at the Cathedral of St Paul in Fond du Lac*



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**Chad R Siehr** - October 30, 2023 at 03:29 AM

KG

“ *I had only one interaction with Bishop Jacobus during a conference and found him to be a warm, generous man with a true spirit of holiness. He will be missed by many. Bless you!*

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**Kyle Grover** - October 28, 2023 at 08:17 PM

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“ *Dear Jerrie and family, I wish to send my condolences to you on this sad occasion. I have known Russ and Jerrie since I was a camp counselor at Camp Webb the summer of 1976. When Russ was chaplain for a week, I got to know this wonderful couple whose presence brought light, and life, and happiness for the entire time they were there. I don't have many friends that go back 47 years. Russ was the most loving and caring priest, bishop, colleague and friends. I am shocked and grieving. Please Jerrie and family you know the depth of Russ's faith and love in the Savior. He is now resting in peace until the Great Resurrection our Lord promised. He is the one who said "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life!". The Lord Himself is our way to truth, to know our true identity and the creation's truth, and He gives us life for all eternity. He was a wonderful man, and servant in Christ's Church. May God uphold you in your sorrow while Russ brings his joy and happiness to Paradise.*

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**Fr. Dale Coleman** - October 28, 2023 at 09:18 AM