

Robert "Bob" Mulligan, 83, died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005, from complications of Parkinson's disease.

He was born July 12, 1922, in Manhattan, N.Y., to Michael Joseph and Margaret Gavin Mulligan. He served as a Marine fighter pilot during World War II. Later he completed his studies in the seminary and became a deacon. He was ordained June 3, 1983, in the diocese of Hartford, Conn. He then worked at Sacred Heart Parish in Suffield, Conn., until 1986 when he began serving as a missionary in a parish of 65 families in Clayton. St. Helena Catholic Church had no full-time priest at the time. While in Clayton, he served as president of the Ministerial Association, president of Sharing & Caring of Rabun County, president of Hospice, delivered Meals on Wheels and wrote a periodic column for The Clayton Tribune.

He retired in 1999 and moved to San Diego. He became a familiar figure around the Point Loma Village area as he walked the neighborhood greeting passers-by, befriending the homeless, helping children at the local recreation center and enjoying his daily stops at several of the local establishments in the area.

He was preceded in death by: a son, Michael Mulligan; two daughters, Laura and Diane Mulligan; and a brother, Arthur Mulligan.

Survivors include: his wife of 62 years, Trudy Mulligan; two daughters, Bonnie Doherty of Haverhill, Mass., and Karen Linarelli of San Diego; three sons, Kevin Mulligan of Odenton, Md., Tim Mulligan of Portland, Ore., and Dan Mulligan of Methuen, Mass.; 14 grandchildren; and a sister, Marion Bench.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Sacred Heart Church in San Diego. Burial followed Wednesday at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the San Diego Parkinson's Association, 8555 Aero Drive, suite 308, San Diego, CA 92123, or by calling (858) 273-6763).

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