



Rev. Lucian C. Hendren

February 8, 1935 - August 7, 2015

Father Lucian C. Hendren, born in Belen, NM on February 8, 1935, passed away on August 7, 2015. As an infant, his family moved to Tucumcari – his dad's ancestral home. He was very active in Tucumcari Public Schools' extracurricular activities, especially sports.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lucian Hendren and Ramona Armijo Hendren, and siblings, Linda, Arnold, Louis and Philip Hendren. He is survived by his siblings, Rita Hendren Feigl (the late Tom), Vincent L. Hendren, Sr. (Kathy), Wilbert Hendren (Rose Lee), Katherine Hendren Schmucker, and Elizabeth G. Hendren; sister-in-law, Patricia Hendren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

After his junior year, he entered Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Santa Fe to begin studies for the priesthood. He earned a bachelor's degree from Mt. Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, OR. He continued his theological studies at St. John's Home Missions Seminary in Little Rock, AR. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 25, 1963, by Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Santa Fe, for service in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. He was assigned as Secretary to the Archbishop and Chaplain to the Sisters at Loretto Chapel, and taught at IHM Seminary. In 1964, he was assigned to The Catholic University of America to study Canon Law, where he obtained his JCL, and was appointed Vice Chancellor and Asst. Judicial Vicar and Chaplain to the Christian Brothers, St. Michael High School. He served as Chancellor and as Judicial Vicar, while also serving as Pastor of Our Lady of

Fatima in Albuquerque. He served as comptroller for the Archdiocese while in residence at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Albuquerque. He served as President of the South Central Regional Canon Law Society of America and later served on the Board of Governors of the National Canon Law Society of America. In 1976, he was appointed National Coordinator for the Hispanic participation in the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia. In 1977, he was elected National Secretary of P.A.D.R.E.S., an organization of Spanish-speaking priests. He was later appointed to the Board of Trustees for the University of Albuquerque and served on the board from 1981 to 1987. As Chancellor in 1971, he initiated the Tax Sheltered Annuity Program. As Comptroller in 1978, he instituted the first uniform computerized accounting system for the Archdiocese offices. In 1979, he was appointed by Archbishop Robert Sanchez to analyze information for the formal canonical petition to the Holy See for the creation and establishment of the Diocese of Las Cruces in South Central NM. Father Hendren was also the sitting chairman who oversaw the transformation of the University of Albuquerque Campus into the St. Pius X High School campus from the Louisiana site, and the eventual moving of the Archdiocese offices to the Morningside Drive site. He served on the Archdiocesan Finance Committee and was Archdiocesan Consultor for several years. Father later served as Pastor of San Ysidro Parish in Corrales from 1984 to 1997, when he retired for health reasons. He was an avid golfer. He enjoyed study and research – especially Sacred Scripture and Southwest History. In his retired years, he researched the Hendren Armijo genealogical family tree going back to Ireland and Spain respectively. He worked with the Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of New Mexico, extracting and transcribing material for their publications and writing articles for their professional journal, Herencia.

A Viewing will be held Wednesday, August 12, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at FRENCH - Westside. Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Gate of Heaven Mausoleum, 7999 Wyoming Blvd. NE in Albuquerque.

Interment will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Terrence D. Regan, Dr. Daniel B. Friedman and Dr. Robert E. Federici.

In lieu of flowers, Father Hendren and the family request that memorial donations be made to Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Inc., PO Box 270, Abiquiu, NM 87510-0270, or to Our Lady of Guadalupe Franciscan Province, 3735 San Ygnacio Road, SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121.

FRENCH - Westside

9300 Golf Course Rd NW

505-897-0300

Cemetery Details

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

7999 Wyoming Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Golf Course)
9300 Golf Course Rd NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114
(505) 897-0300
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Rosary

AUG 12. 7:00 PM (MT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **13**. 10:30 AM (MT)

Gate of Heaven Mausoleum Chapel
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Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Kevin Alarcon lit a candle in memory of Rev. Lucian C. Hendren*



Kevin Alarcon - August 23, 2015 at 05:13 PM

Jim
Martinez

“ *Jim Martinez lit a candle in memory of Rev. Lucian C. Hendren*



Jim Martinez - August 18, 2015 at 06:31 PM

DK

“ *God Bless my friend and his family. - Dr. Steve Kongs*

Dr. Steve Kongs - August 15, 2015 at 10:43 AM

ER

“ *our prayers and sympathies to all of the familly especially to my dear friend, his sister, elizabeth hendren. love and prayers, jeff and bingy romero*

EVANGELINE TRUJILLO ROMERO - August 14, 2015 at 05:58 PM

VI

“ *Condolences to the Hendren Family. Father Hendren was a most honorable, sweet, and funny man. While he was our priest in Corrales, he spent Christmas Eve with our family. Those were such special times and will always be cherished. Heaven has received a truly magnificent angel!*

Victoria - August 12, 2015 at 05:56 PM

GW

“ *Our prayers and condolences go out to Fathers Family. He was truly a humorous and artistic man. His love of art was plainly displayed in his home. What a God given talent he had. We will miss having lunches with him at his favorite place, Mimmo's. May he rest in peace and pray for all of us.*

Gene & Alberta Wester

Gene & Alberta Wester - August 12, 2015 at 04:26 PM

RG

“ *Amid all the reports of the poor behavior of its priests the Roman Catholic Church can lift up the life well-lived of Rev. Hendren. I am moved to chuckle when I think of him suggesting to me that I become a lector as the altar server cassock no longer covered my stretching legs. He was the consummate gentleman and spiritual leader. His tenure at Our Lady of Fatima Parish was marked by an engaged and dynamic community. While he certainly served the Church, he was above all a native son who gave back to the land and its people that bred him.*

Richard Garcia - August 12, 2015 at 03:55 PM



“ *Father brother was what I always called Fr. Hendren. My aunt Rita's kind loving brother. Not even a month ago I sat across from him at my Uncle Tom's funeral luncheon. Sharing stories I spilled parmesan cheese because the top came off. He lovingly started to tease me too much cheese huh ...no more cheese for youOK Miss Cheesey. That was Father Brother gentle kind embracing people. Comforting. The bond that he shared with his family amazed me well not really after knowing him. He was my Aunt Ritas rock as I believe he was for his entire family. The relationship he shared with Mark was so special. I am going to miss you Father Brother.....to the entire Hendren family I send you all my love prayers n thoughts. Here if you need anything love Toni n TJ Tranchita. Heaven got a another hero.....*

Toni Tranchita - August 12, 2015 at 03:18 PM

AS

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Fr. Hendren. I personally did not know him very well but spoke to him a few times when I was caring for my uncle, Rev. Guadalupe Rivera, who spoke about him with high regards. Fr. Hendren delivered the beautiful homily at my uncle's mass and I know that they are now together in heaven with all their other "buddies". Again, my deepest sympathy.*

Annabelle Silva

Annabelle Silva - August 11, 2015 at 05:47 PM

BC

“ *Remember him well. He was my Mothers Cousin Carrie Beach Ha always called her Tia H ave a picture of him and daughter Cathy when she made her 1st Communion He was a Nice fellow*



Bea Carrilo - August 11, 2015 at 04:59 PM

TB

“ Everyone is invited to a special Memorial Mass for Father Hendren at San Ysidro Church in Corrales on Friday, August 13 at 10 am. Reception will follow in Hendren Hall.

I was not fortunate to live here while Father Hendren was the pastor, but I well remember his 50th Jubilee Celebration in the hall named for him a few years back. Father was jubilant on that day and full of warmth and welcoming for all of us. His legacy as an outstanding pastor will live on at our San Ysidro Parish.

Therese Barts

Therese Barts - August 11, 2015 at 12:53 PM

VI

Therese, Did you mean to say Friday the 14th?

Victoria - August 12, 2015 at 05:54 PM

MT

“ To all of our Hendren family - our love and prayers. A happy memory to share is when Rick and I vacationed in New Mexico in 2012. When we were there, it was a joy visiting with family. We left a voice message on Uncle Lucian's phone to let him know we were in town. As Rick and I were eating lunch at the La Placita in Old Town, Uncle Lucian called and was so very excited that we were there. We spent the afternoon with Uncle Lucian at his home. He warmly received us into his home. Uncle Lucian shared his art drawings with us, shared his laughter and hospitality. As our visit came to a close, he talked about how one time a landscape salesman who came to his door and remarked how his lawn looked so perfect. Uncle Lucian said that the salesman didn't realize that the perfect lawn he has was artificial. Our visit ended with laughter and lots of hugs. God bless you Uncle Lucian - we love you.
The Taylors.
Rick, Mona Dee, Sean & Holly, and Brian.



Mona Dee Taylor - August 11, 2015 at 07:21 AM

GZ

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Glenn Zachry - August 10, 2015 at 04:14 PM