

OBITUARY OF FR. HECTOR L. BOLDUC

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REV. FR. HECTOR L. BOLDUC 76, OF 500 MORRILL ST., GILFORD N. H. AND 1782 CHAPPELLE RUE, DEPERE, WISC., DIED SEPTEMBER 10, 2012. HE WAS THE SON OF HECTOR CHARLES BOLDUC AND AURORE MARIE (THEBERGE) BOLDUC OF GILFORD, N. H. BORN IN GILFORD, NH ON JUNE 21, 1936. HE SPENT MOST OF HIS LIFE IN GILFORD AND ALWAYS CONSIDERED IT HIS HOME.

HE ATTENDED GILFORD GRADE SCHOOL AND GRADUATED FROM LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL IN 1954. HE SPENT SEVERAL YEARS IN THE U.S. ARMY STATIONED IN GERMANY. HE TRAVELED WIDELY IN EUROPE, ASIA, AFRICA, MEXICO AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND WROTE AND PUBLISHED MANY ACCOUNTS OF HIS TRAVELS. HE PURCHASED THE FAMILY FARM FROM HIS PARENTS AT THEIR RETIREMENT AND RAISED BEEF CATTLE AND BUFFALO BEING ONE OF THE FIRST TO REINTRODUCE BUFFALO TO N. H.

HE WAS AN AVID COLLECTOR AND ACCUMULATED COLLECTIONS OF COINS, GLASS, CHINA, SILVER AND ART.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE N.H. HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND OF A NUMBER OF LOCAL SOCIETIES WHERE HE FREQUENTLY GAVE TALKS ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY AND COLLECTING. IN 1963 HE ENTERED THE SEMINARY AND WAS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN 1974 IN SWITZERLAND. HE MASTERED SEVERAL LANGUAGES AND FELT AT HOME WHERE EVER HE TRAVELED.

FOLLOWING THE CRISIS IN THE CHURCH CAUSED BY THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL HE BECAME A STANCH (STAUNCH), TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC AND FOUNDED MANY CHURCHES, CHAPELS, AND SCHOOLS IN THE U. S. AND MEXICO. FR. BOLDUC WAS RECTOR OF ST. MARYS SCHOOL AND COLLEGE IN ST. MARYS KANSAS FOR MANY YEARS WHERE HE TAUGHT IN BOTH THE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL.

TO COMBAT LIBERALISM AND MODERISM HE FOUNDED THE TRADITIONAL CATHOLICS OF N. H., INC , AND BUILD IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH AT 501 MORRILL ST. IN GILFORD, N. H. IN 1963 HE SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE GILFORD, N. H. HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND DESIGNED A MEDAL FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN TO CELEBRATE THE EVENT. HE ALSO FDURNISHED AND OPENED KIMBALLS CASTLE TO THE PUBLIC, AND RESTORED THE OLD FROHAUK (SP) HOMESTEAD ALSO IN GILFORD. FOR THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF GILFORD HE DESIGNED AND CAUSED A TOKEN TO BE STRUCK TO COMMERATE THE EVENT. FR. BOLDUC ALSO AUTHORED A HISTORY OF GILFORD FOR THE 150TH CELEBRATION.

FR. BOLDUC WAS PREDECEASED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS AND A BROTHER CHARLES A. AND TWO SISTERS THERESA AND BARBARA. HE IS SURVIVED BY SIX BROTHERS, KENNETH, ROLAND, MAURICE, ERNEST, ARMAND AND ROBERT, AND THREE SISTERS, ANITA, LAURETTA, AND HELEN. HE IS ALSO SURVIVED BY MANY NEICES AND NEPHEWS, AND GRAND NEICES AND NEPHEWS AND COUSINS.

FR. BOLDUC HAD A PHENOMINAL MEMORY AND COULD RECITE ENTIRE BOOKS OF POETRY AND OTHER WORKS FROM MEMORY. HE ALSO ENJOYED SINGING THE OLD 20'S TO 40'S AND AUREOUS WERE HIS FAVORITEE ONES.. HE ENJOYED VISITING AND KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH HIS ARMY BUDDIES.

Obituary

Rev. Fr. Hector L. Bolduc 76, of 500 Merrill St.,
Gilford N.H. and 1782 Chappelle Rue, De Pere, Wisc.,
died ~~the late~~ ^{He was the} son of Hector Charles Bolduc and Aurane Marie
(Theberge) Bolduc of Gilford N.H. Born in Gilford, N.H.,
on June 21, 1936. He spend most of his life
in Gilford and always considered it his home. ~~He~~
~~graduated from~~ He attended Gilford grade school and
graduated from Laconia High school in 1954.
He spend several years in the U.S. Army stationed
in Germany. He traveled widely in Europe, Asia
Africa ~~the~~ Mexico & South America and wrote and
published many accounts of his travels. He purchased
the family farm from his parents and then retrieved
and raised beef cattle and Buffalo being one of the
first to reintroduce Buffalo to ~~the~~ N.H.

He was an avid collector and accumulated
collections of ^{coins, medals,} glass, china, silver & art.

He was a member of the N.H. Historical Society
and of a number of local societies where he frequently
gave talks about local history and collecting. In 1963
he ~~just~~ entered the seminary and was ordained to the
priesthood in 1974 in Switzerland. He mastered several
languages and felt at home wherever he traveled.

Following the crisis in the Church caused by
the Second Vatican Council he became a staunch, traditional
Catholic and founded many churches, chapels & schools ~~and~~
~~a school~~ in the U.S. and Mexico. Fr. Bolduc was
rector of St. Marys School and College in St. Marys
Kansas for many years where he taught in both
the college and high school.

To combat liberalism and modernism he founded
the ~~the~~ traditional Catholics of N.H., Inc. and built
Immaculate Conception Church at 501 Merrill St in Gilford, *
In 1963 he served as Vice President of the Gilford,
N.H. Historical Society and designed a ^{designing a model for the} ~~new~~ ^{new} ~~building~~ ^{building}

150 the anniversary of the town & to celebrate the event he also ^{furthered and} opened Huron Castle ^{to the public} and restored the old Fishall (SP) homestead also in Bedford. For the 200th anniversary of the town of Bedford he ~~designed and caused~~ ^{caused} a token to be struck to commemorate the event. Fr. Boldue also authored a history of Bedford for the 150th celebration, in detail.

Fr. Boldue was predeceased by his parents and a brother Charles and two sisters Theresa & Barbara. He is survived by six brothers, Kenneth, Roland, Emert, Armand & Robert; and three sisters, Anita, Loretta & Helen. He is also survived by many nieces & nephews and grand nieces & nephews & cousins. Fr. had a phenomenal memory and could recite ~~hundreds of entire~~ books of poetry ^{from memory} by heart. He also enjoyed singing the old ^{20 to 40's} songs and carried from his favorite operas. He ~~enjoyed~~ ^{was proud of} his military service and enjoyed ^{visiting and} keeping in touch with his army buddies.