



Fr. Rand Frew

May 30, 1947 - December 27, 2022

PRINCETON - Father Rand Frew, 75, of Princeton, died Tuesday, December 27, 2022. Born May 30, 1947 in Parsons, Kansas, he was the son of the late Everett Frew and Betty Headlee Frew of Parsons, Kansas.

The son of an army sergeant, Father Frew spent most of his childhood on army posts from Fort Ord California to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and several posts in between. He attended Parsons High School where he lived with his grandparents while his father was serving his second tour of duty in Korea. Father Frew graduated from The University of Nevada Las Vegas and attended The General Theological Seminary in New York City. He was then ordained an Episcopal priest at Christ Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. Father Frew then served as the Pastor of St. Mathew's parish as well as a visiting pastor to several remote parishes in northern Nevada. He then became the pastor at Holy Apostles Church in New York City, where he founded the Holy Apostles soup kitchen. He later founded AIDS Action International, a nonprofit foundation furthering the education and understanding of the worldwide aids pandemic. He worked tirelessly at the site of the World Trade Center collapse site. Father Frew loved to travel, all music, but especially opera and operettas. He brought his devout faith to people all over the world.

He is survived by his brother, Ridge; four nieces; three nephews; six great

nephews; and five great nieces.

He will be interred next to Margaret and Everett Frew, Sr., his beloved grandparents, in Parsons, Kansas on March 25, 2023.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Tribute Wall

KE

“ *Fr. Frew comforts visitors to Ground Zero after 9/11 <https://www.arta.id.org/publicviewingplatform.html>*



Keith - March 15, 2025 at 10:07 PM

TA

“ *I shared some wonderful memories with Randy at UNLV! He was a close friend and we enjoyed many college parties! So funny and charismatic, he was the center of these events and had everyone laughing!! I'll never forget his laugh! He brightened my day! And to you, Ridge, I am so sorry for your loss. I miss you and extend my love.*

Trudy Abell - August 28, 2024 at 02:17 PM

SS

“ *I am sad to learn of Rand's passing. I met him at Christ's Church in Las Vegas where he was a great friend of my Father, John Smits. He was a servant leader in all aspects of his ministry, for which there is a special place in Heaven. RIP old friend. Well done.
Stuart Smits*

Stuart L Smits - August 06, 2023 at 04:01 PM

GT

“ Gregg A. Thacker lit a candle in memory of Fr. Rand Frew



Gregg A. Thacker - May 08, 2023 at 08:37 PM

GT

“ Back in the day Fr. Frew was known as "Randy" Frew. I had the pleasure of meeting Rand when my family and my cousins family lived in Parsons, Kansas from 1958-1963. I was being trained as an Acolyte by Rand as he served as the Master of Ceremonies at St. John's Episcopal Church in Parsons that my family attended. My Cousin Jim McGill also served as an Acolyte and is now a retired Episcopal Priest.

I continued to serve as an Acolyte throughout the rest of my life and served in every capacity from carrying a torch to pointing the book. I also answered the call to serve as a parish and Diocesan Verger.

I guess I can say that I owe my success of being able to serve to Fr. Rand Frew. He will be missed greatly.

May Rand's soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them 🙏 🕯 ...

Gregg A. Thacker - May 08, 2023 at 08:34 PM

LH

“ I met him as he visited several times while I was Interim Rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Bluefield WV during 2022, most recently in December. He was very unassuming and we had a lot of common friends and experiences in the small world of the Episcopal Church. I'm surprised and saddened by the news of his death. I always enjoyed my encounters with him.

Louis Hays - February 09, 2023 at 01:24 PM

CW

“ Cindi W lit a candle in memory of Fr. Rand Frew



Cindi W - January 09, 2023 at 09:50 AM

DG

“ For me, Rand put Man back into Christianity. Walking past Holy Apostles Church on Good Friday on the 9th of April 1982 with no intention of attending a church service I was drawn in by a voice both plaintive and consoling, youthful and ragged. Rand was in the pulpit performing a homily. I can only assume (after 40 years) that it was on the subject of Christ’s sacrifice of his life so that freed from accusation and guilt we may live in a community of acceptance and love. In my upbringing in the Church with its ceremony and dogma, I had never before felt that connection. In that moment something was opened inside me, and in Holy Apostles (how apt the name), Rand seemed to enact a reverse apotheosis: he was Christ becoming Man. That Good Friday was a flashpoint in my life, reverberant over 40 years now. And while I’ve long since broadened in my spiritual practice, I have Rand to thank for my initial grasp of the enduring power of belief in a living Christ. I thank him for that, and for 40 years of friendship since. I do wonder how many others have heard an echo of divinity in Rand’s presence.

Desmond T Groarke - January 07, 2023 at 12:54 PM

PB

“ Rand and I worked together developing ministry at St. Bartholomew’s in Ely. He was a popular energizing presence as a chaplain at Camp Galilee (Lake Tahoe) in the 70s, and a great supporter of the restoration of the diaconate in the Episcopal Church. Though our ministries took us in different directions geographically, we kept in touch. My heart goes out to all his family and friends.

Phina Borgeson - January 03, 2023 at 05:26 PM

TE

“ *Father Frew was a visiting presence in White Pine County about the time I graduated high school in 1975. For a young Episcopalian, he was pretty 'cool' - not that much older than I. If I remember correctly that was when we first celebrated 'Folk Masses' at Saint Bartholomew's Church in Ely.*
Prayers to the family.
Trudy

Trudy Erquiaga - January 03, 2023 at 01:48 PM

JA

“ *In every sense of the word, you were the epitome of catholic and the essence of holiness, Fr. Rand. I remember you too as “Randy,” my brother IK, who, over a half century ago, helped give the student body at a fledgling UNLV focus in the turbulent 60s. All should know the joy you brought to all as a teen. Your message was to me then, as it was to Lennon; “Give Peace a Chance.” Your unique sense of humanity and spirit, as that of St. Francis, shall live on.*
Jack Abell
Las Vegas

jack Abell - January 01, 2023 at 11:00 AM

TD

“ *Timothy Downum lit a candle in memory of Fr. Rand Frew*



Timothy Downum - December 31, 2022 at 07:15 PM

TD

“ *I learned a lot from father Frew I will miss him much.*

Timothy Downum - December 31, 2022 at 07:14 PM



Anthony
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“ *I just herd the news.. im heartbroken. I just spoke to you before christmas. May you rest it peace Father Rand and Rise in Glory Im glad we went to England.
Anthony Heuskin*



Anthony Anthony - December 30, 2022 at 06:16 PM

RK

“ *Rand+ was a street priest like our brother Mike Judge+ who worked the neighborhood and paid the most attention to the least of God's creatures. He was a beautiful human being and a great friend. We will miss him greatly. God's speed to a good and faithful servant. Clyde+*



Rev. Clyde Kuemmerle - December 30, 2022 at 07:03 AM