

## OBITUARIES

### **Ft. Ronald J. Axen, 88**

Father Ronald J. Axen, 88, passed away Feb. 22, 2003 at the Stonehill Care Center in Dubuque.

Funeral services were Feb. 25 at St. Raphael's Cathedral with burial in St. Francis Cemetery in Belmond. Archbishop Jerome Hanus was the main presider. Homilist was Msgr. James O. Barta, Episcopal vicar for Archdiocese of Dubuque.

Father Axen was pastor at St. Joseph's in State Center from 1950-1956. He retired in 1986.

Surviving his are one sister, Sister Mary Martin, R.S.M. Cedar Rapids; one nephew Dennis Axen of Elk Run, MN; and two nieces, Joanne Johnson, Rogers, MN; and Patricia Bruyere of International Falls, MN.