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The Rev. Edwin Mylin, 62, Hopkins hospital chaplain

The Rev. Edwin Bernard Joseph Mylin, a retired hospital chaplain who also was a popular cruise ship chaplain, died in his sleep Sunday at his home in Edgemere. He was 62.

Father Mylin was a chaplain on ships of the Cunard, Holland America, Carnival and Princess Cruise lines and had completed a cruise the day before he died.

He retired in 1991 from Johns Hopkins Hospital where he had been chaplain for 10 years.

"I admired how he ministered as a priest," said the Rev. Henry Zerhusen, senior priest at St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church in Catonsville and a longtime friend. "I think his most fulfilling ministry was at Hopkins."

Father Mylin was born and raised in Dundalk.

"When we were kids, he always said he either wanted to be a garbage man or a priest, and then he finally ruled out the garbage man," said Mary L. Mylin of Edgemere, his sister and sole survivor.

A 1951 graduate of Mount St. Joseph High School, Father Mylin entered the seminary in 1954, first at St. Charles College, then at St. Mary's Seminary. He was ordained in 1960.

He was an assistant pastor from 1960 to 1970 at St. Clement Roman Catholic Church in Rosedale.

In 1970, he was transferred to Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Glen Burnie and in 1974 was appointed pastor of St. Bernadette Roman Catholic Church in Severn. His second pastorate was at The Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Woodlawn.

In 1980, Father Mylin was appointed associate pastor at St. Brigid Roman Catholic Church.

Interested in the sea and ships, he owned a powerboat and once owned a houseboat.

A Mass of Christian burial will be offered at 11 a.m. today at St. Rita Roman Catholic Church, 2903 Dunleer Road in Dundalk.