



## Reverend G.A. Packard

July 25, 1957

Father Nathan G. Athanasius Packard was born on July 25, 1957, in Bertha, Minnesota. He was the son of Frank Walter Packard and Margaret Irene Bryce Packard. He attended Bertha-Hewitt Elementary and High School, Bertha, and Bemidji State University. He then attended the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. He made his profession of faith in the Roman Catholic Church on October 22, 1982, in St. Joseph's Church, Dubuque, Iowa, and he attended St. John's Seminary, Collegeville. Father Packard was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop George H. Speltz on May 30, 1987, in St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, MN. He celebrated his First Mass on May 31, 1987, in St. Joseph's Church, Bertha, MN. Father Packard served in the following assignments: associate pastor, St. Joseph's Church, Waite Park, July 1987-July 1989; pastor, St. Rita's Church, Hillman, July 1989-July, 1999, Wahkon September 1989-July 1999; St. Mary, Chokio and St. Charles, Herman, July 1999-to present. Father Packard died as the result of a plane crash near Morris, MN on Monday morning, September 27, 2004. Father Packard is survived by his mother, Margaret, Hualapai, AZ, one sister, Florabell Packard, Show Low, AZ, and four brothers, Arthur, Hewitt; Walter, Bertha; Lester, Hualapai, AZ and Danie, Thief River Falls. He was preceded in death by his father Frank.

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ *To the family of Nathan:*

*I was in 4-H and band with Nathan. He added a lot to the Bertha Hi Flyers 4-H club. I played a duet with him at a Christmas party with our band instruments. I also remember his beautiful voice. He will be sadly missed.*

---

**Carolyn G. Decker** - July 25, 1957 at 12:00 AM