

Rev. Robert Treat Van Sickler

45th State Co-Chaplain of Oregon 1994-95



Robert Treat Van Sickler was born May 18, 1928 in Seattle, WA to Donald and Pricilla Treat Van Sickler.

He was ordained late in life after a career as a forester. He served in the military, was a licensed pilot, a ham radio operator and military chaplain for the air force. Robert was a lieutenant colonel in the Civil Air Patrol, serving as chaplain in various places in Oregon.

He had three children with Gertrud Stecher – Christina, Peter and Michael.

He was ordained a priest on January 6, 1993.

Rev. Van Sickler served as a priest in the Baker Diocese at St. Elizabeth Parish in John Day, OR until 2006. He would put 200 miles on his car every Sunday visiting the parish's missions in the area. He then served in the Arch-diocese of Portland as priest in-residence at St. Charles Borromeo, Portland, OR.

Rev. Van Sickler was a 4th degree member of the Knight of Columbus and the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Co-Chaplin 1994–95 with Rev. Gregory Gage.

Rev. Robert Treat Van Sickler died on February 18, 2011 in Salem, OR of complications associated with a stroke.

He is buried at the Deschutes Memorial Gardens, Bend, OR.

Gertrud died in 2015.



"If you're going to say something that moves the people, you have to move yourself first." Rev. Robert Van Sickler, 1996, John Day, OR

