Mass set here Monday for ex-fire chief Quinn

MASS FOR retired Chicago Fire Commissioner Robert J. Quinn, 73, will be said at 11 a.m. Monday in Holy Name Cathedral, State and Superior streets. The eulogy will be delivered by John Cardinal Cody.

Quinn died early Friday in Naples, Fla., where he was spending the winter. He had been struggling to recover from heart trouble and other illnesses that he suffered since last August. His body will lie in state in the fire academy named for him, at 558 W. De Koven St., from noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. An honor guard of fire department personnel will stand vigil.

Quinn was born in the Bridgeport area, worked his way through the fire department, and was made fire commissioner in 1957 by his old neighborhood chum, the late Mayor Richard J. Daley.

As department head, Quinn introduced helicopters to firefighting and rescue work. His other innovations included the snorkel, jet fireboats, and fully equipped paramedic ambulances.

Robert J. Quinn