



**Curtis "Paw Paw" Abshire**  
**November 18, 1919 - May 21, 2018**

**Mass of Christian Burial**  
Friday, May 25, 2018 10:00 a.m.  
St. Louis Catholic Church  
Winnie, Texas

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION**

Processional

*“Old Rugged Cross”*

**GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY**

As a reminder of Curtis’ Baptism, his casket has been sprinkled with Baptismal water. Then, a pall, recalling the white garment of his Baptism, is placed on the casket.

*“If we have died with Christ, we are also to live with Christ in glory.”*

OPENING PRAYER

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading

Wisdom 3:1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

*“The Lord Is My Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”*

Second Reading

II Corinthians 4:14-5:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN**

John 12:23-28

HOMILY

Prayers of the Faithful

Response:

*“Lord, hear our prayer”*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

*“Amazing Grace”*

## COMMUNION RITE

Holy, Holy, Holy + Mystery of Faith  
Great Amen + Our Father + Lamb of God

Communion

*“You Are Near”*

Prayer After Communion

## FINAL COMMENDATION

**PRESIDER:** Saints of God, come to his aid. Hasten to meet him angels of the Lord.

**ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.**

**PRESIDER:** May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself, and may the angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

**ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.**

**PRESIDER:** Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

**ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.**

Recessional

*“We Will Rise Again”*



Curtis Abshire died peacefully at his home in Winnie, Texas, Monday, May 21, 2018, surrounded by his children. He was born on November 18, 1919, in Welsh, Louisiana. Curtis was the son of Dorina Bourgeois Abshire and Sostan Pat Abshire. His family moved to Winnie when he was two years old, where he resided for most of the remainder of his life. He attended East Chambers School. He served in the U.S. Navy as a 1st Class Signal-Man during World War II, for six years.

After his military career he returned to Winnie, where he married Lillian Mae Benoit on December 31, 1944. He then took on a career as a pumper for the Sunoco (Sun Oil Company). He worked twenty-one years for Sunoco. During his tenure at Sunoco, he started a part-time job as a plumber. In 1964 he decided to get his certification as a Master Plumber and in 1968 he went full-time and opened his own business in the Winnie Community known as "Abshire Plumbing". He owned and operated a hardware and plumbing business for the next thirty years, until his retirement in 1994.

Curtis was best known for his love of gardening and working in his yard. He loved raising flowers and vegetables to share with all his family and close friends. He loved to duck hunt and his favorite hunting buddies were his sons, Harold and Tommy along with his grandson William, and his nephews. e In his younger years he loved working with and training hunting dogs. He had a strong love for his family which he always placed first in his life. He was a man of strong faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. He was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church in Winnie. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus for many years. He served faithfully in his Church for

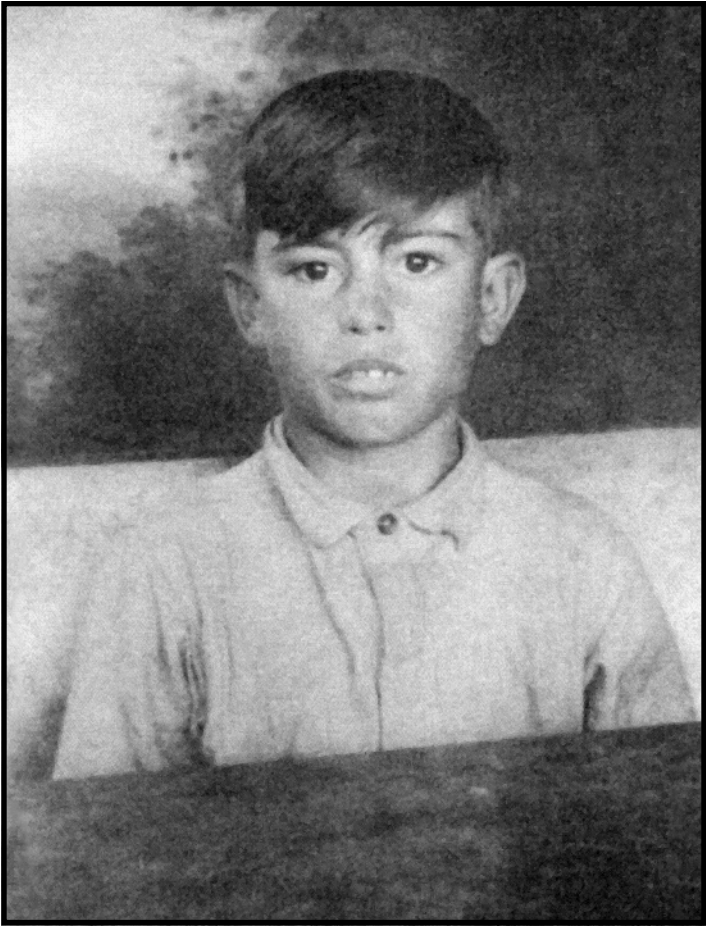
many years in the capacity of lector, and usher up till the last several years. After the death of his wife, one of his favorite past-times was going to the Casinos with friends and family.

Survivors include his brother, Huey Abshire, of Hamshire; and sister, Earline DeVille, of Sulphur, Louisiana; his son, Tom Curtis Abshire and significant other, Paula Rothwell, of Winnie; daughters, Concetta Rollins and husband, Malcolm Rollins, of Hamshire; Kim Mazzola and husband, Johnny Mazzola, of Winnie; Kay Benson, of Winnie. . He is also survived by eighteen grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Curtis was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Benoit Abshire; two sons, John William Abshire, and Harold James Abshire. He was also preceded by his parents; brother, Douglas Abshire; sisters, Yula Mae Broussard, Edna Weisse, and Hilda Abshire.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Altus Hospice Home Care Staff of Beaumont, Texas for all the care and concern given to him over the last month.

























### The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the  
path of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies.  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life; and I  
will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

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Celebrant	Reverend D. Stephen McCrate
Placing of the Pall	The Children of Curtis Abshire Concetta, Kim, Kay & Tommy
Gift Bearers	April Benson, Haley Urbina, Valarie Cumberland Amanda Abshire, Jessica Abshire
Lector	Wynette Scott
Eucharistic Ministers	Vickie Roche, Wilda Brown
Music Minister	Karon McGaha
Pallbearers	Greg Abshire, Tanner Mazzola, Ross Mazzola Tyler Benson, Chase Benson, Joshua Rollins William Abshire, John Rollins
Honorary Pallbearers	Jordan Benson, David Benoit, Larry Bertrand Dustin Abshire, James Oliver Abshire Jacob Rollins

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**Interment**

Fairview Cemetery  
Winnie, Texas

**Memorial Contributions**

American Cancer Society  
4 Bayoubrandt Drive, Suite B  
Beaumont, Texas 77706



Please sign Mr. Abshire's guest book and share your memories at [www.broussards1889.com](http://www.broussards1889.com)