

We believe that all the ties of friendship  
and affection which knit us as one  
throughout our lives  
do not unravel  
with death.

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**Mary Jo Chirafis Canizaro**

January 1, 1925 + November 15, 2018

## **GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY**

As a reminder of Mary Jo's Baptism, her casket has been sprinkled with Baptismal water. Then, a pall, recalling the white garment of her Baptism, is placed on the casket.  
*"If we have died with Christ, we are also to live with Christ in glory."*

## **ENTRANCE PROCESSION**

Processional Song: ***"Be Not Afraid"***

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading

**Job 19:1, 23-27a**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 27**

***"The Lord is my Light and my Salvation."***

Second Reading

**2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

## **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

**[Matthew 5:1-12a]**

## **HOMILY**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Response:  
***"Lord, Hear Our Prayer"***

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts:

*“You Are Near”*

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Communion Song:

*“Here I Am, Lord”*

Meditation Song:

*“Ave, Maria”*

Prayer After Communion

## FINAL COMMENDATION

*Priest:*

### Song of Farewell



1. Come to his/her aid, O saints of God; Come meet him/her
2. May Christ who called you, take you home, and an - gels
3. Give him/her e - ter - nal rest, O Lord. May light un -
4. I know that my Re - deem - er lives, the last day



1. an - gels — of the Lord. } *All respond:*
2. lead you to A - bra - ham. } Re - ceive his/her soul, O
3. end - ing — shine on him/her. }
4. I shall — rise a - gain. }



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Recessional:

*“On Eagle’s Wings”*



Mary Jo Canizaro, 93, of Beaumont, died Thursday, November 15, 2018, at Harbor Hospice, Beaumont. She was born on January 1, 1925, in Dallas, to Jennie Genero and Angelo Chirafis. She was a retired secretary from the Catholic Diocese of Beaumont, having worked at St. Joseph Catholic Church, and later became the first secretary at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church.

Mary Jo was a cheerleader in junior high and continued to cheer on her children and grandchildren throughout her life. She enjoyed watching *Jeopardy* and *Wheel of*

*Fortune* with her son every afternoon and going on cruises with her family and friends. Everyone loved celebrating the holidays at her home because she wanted it to be the perfect gathering for her family and friends. Mary Jo opened her home to have all the cast parties from Lamar University while her kids were in college. She was an excellent seamstress and made clothes that looked like they were off the rack.

She is survived by her son, Vincent J. Canizaro, Jr., of Beaumont; daughter, Jodie Patnod, of Friendswood; granddaughter, Brittany Gentry and her husband, Joshua; and great-grandchildren, Shelby Gentry, Jakob Gentry, and Jared Gentry, all of Houston.

Mary Jo is preceded in death by her husband, Vincent Canizaro, Sr.; sisters, Annette Danna and Rosenell Seymour; brothers, Louis Chirafis, John Chirafis, Kelly Chirafis, and Sam Chirafis; and parents, Jennie and Angelo Chirafis.

The family wishes to thank the nursing staff at Christus Hospital St. Elizabeth, Dubuis Hospital of Beaumont, and Harbor Hospice.

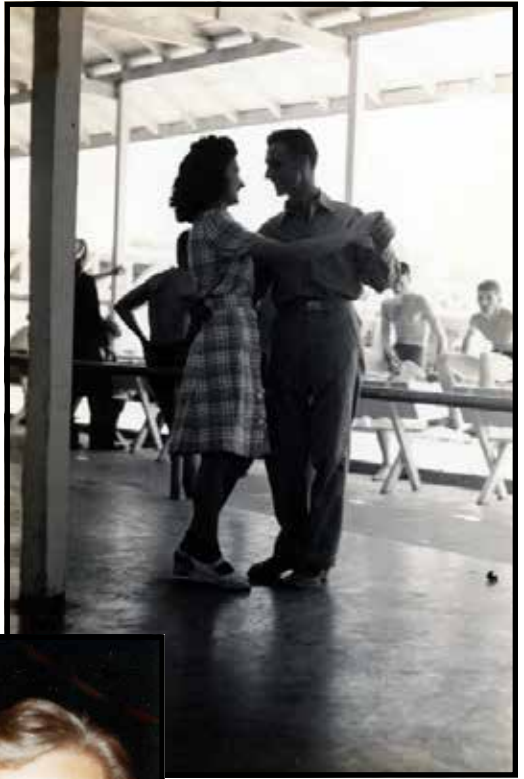








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Celebrant	Reverend Thomas E. Phelan
Con-Celebrant & Homilist	Reverend Monsignor Salvador Culotta
Sprinkling Rite and	
Placing of Pall	Jodie Patnod, Brittany and Joshua Gentry
Lectors	Gina Core, Vickie Seymour
Gift Bearers	Shelby Gentry, Jakob Gentry, Jared Gentry
Eucharistic Ministers	Celebrants of the Mass, Gina Core Tim Seymour
Music Ministers	Linda Caillvet, Sam Giglio
Pallbearers	Mark Seymour, Tim Seymour, Steve Seymour Michael Chirafis, Sam Chirafis, Greg Saleme
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Saint Jude Thaddeus Catholic Community  
 Beaumont, Texas – November 20, 2018

**Interment**

Forest Lawn Memorial Park  
 Beaumont, Texas

**Memorial Contributions**

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital  
 501 St. Jude Place  
 Memphis, Tennessee 38105

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Harbor Hospice  
 2450 North Major Drive  
 Beaumont, Texas 77713

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The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center  
 P.O. Box 4486  
 Houston, Texas 77210-4486

**“Never let anything so fill you with sorrow  
 that you forget the joy of the resurrection.”**

Mother Teresa

*Please join the Canizaro family in Culotta Hall for food and fellowship upon  
 your return from the cemetery.*

St. Jude “Mourning Glories”



Please sign Mrs. Canizaro’s guest book and share your memories at  
[www.broussards1889.com](http://www.broussards1889.com)