

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF

Gwen Carona

AUGUST 9, 1936 - FEBRUARY 15, 2018



I HAVE SOUGHT YOUR FACE WITH ALL MY
HEART, BE GRACIOUS TO ME ACCORDING
TO YOUR PROMISE.
PSALM 119:58

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Processional Song:

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Spirit & Song #189

GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY

As a reminder of Gwen’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.”

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Sirach 2:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27

“The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid.”

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

[John 14:1-6]

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:

“Lord, Hear Our Prayer”

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts:

"Amazing Grace"

We Celebrate #706

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, Holy, Holy + Mystery of Faith + Great Amen

Our Father + Lamb of God

Communion:

"I Can Only Imagine"

Madelyn Jones-Cantor

Meditation:

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Prayer After Communion

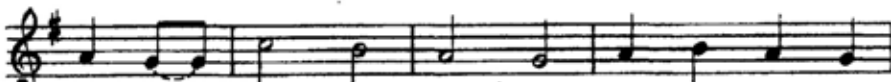
FINAL COMMENDATION

Song of Farewell

Priest:



1. Come to her aid, O saints of God; Come meet her,
2. May Christ who called you, take you home, and an - gels
3. Give 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.
2. lead you to A - bra ham.
3. end - ing shine on him.
4. I shall rise a - gain.

All respond:

Re - ceive her soul, O



ho - ly ones; pre - sent her now to God Most High.

Recessional:

"Songs of the Angels"

Madelyn Jones-Cantor

*"May songs of the angels welcome you and guide you along your way.
May the smiles of the martyrs greet your own as darkness turns into day.
Every fear will be undone and death will be no more;
As songs of the angels bring you home before the face of God."*



Gwen Provost Carona, 81, of Beaumont, died Thursday, February 15, 2018, at St. David's Hospital-South, Austin. Mama was born on August 9, 1936 to O'Neil and Billie Provost in Port Arthur, Texas. She was the oldest daughter and second child of ten in a close-knit family. She treasured the love that she received from her grandmother, Mary Malvina Provost who lived with them and shared her faith in the Lord Jesus. In 1955, she married the love of her life — her high school sweetheart, our dad. Theirs has

been a wonderful love story for over sixty-two years. Mama's prayer and dream to be blessed with children was answered. Always positive and upbeat, she filled our home with laughter.

Whether living in Port Arthur, Baton Rouge, Clear Lake, Dallas, or Beaumont, she relished being with family and the friends she so easily made. Mama became a part of each community, joining the Altar Society, Cursillo movement, Renew, and Bible Studies. She was a fabulous gardener and loved nature. Mom and Dad loved traveling and became birders which gave them many years of enjoyment. As a great cook, she taught all of her children and grandchildren how to cook and bake. Making hundreds of pizzelles for St. Joseph's Altars was an annual endeavor. Her book of family recipes will be treasured by the generations to come.

Whatever she was interested in, whether needlework, cooking, art or nature, she studied it religiously. She loved learning new things and was exceptionally well-read. Her love for reading was passed on to her children and grandchildren. Every Wednesday, she took us all to Gates Memorial Library and encouraged us to find new authors and subjects. Years later, she would take her grandchildren to the bookstore to introduce them to her beloved books.

A believer of Proverbs 22:6-8 “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it,” Mama imparted her deep faith to all four of her children. When she began bible study, her enthusiasm encouraged her children to take that journey. As she dove deeper into the Word and her faith continued to grow, again she brought her adult children along. She never compartmentalized her life. Her spiritual life was so deeply imbued in her. Mama was a great encourager to others. She had the gift of Godly counsel, and people naturally gravitated to her. Many a time, we would come home to find a stranger sitting at the kitchen table, whom she had befriended and counseled. Even in the last year of her life in a memory-care facility, she ministered to other residents and also the caregivers.

Mama is preceded in death by her parents, O'Neil and Billie Provost, and her brother David Provost, Sr. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 62 years, Joseph Donald Carona Sr. (Joe); her daughter, Brenda and husband Gerard Cascio; her son, Donnie and his wife, Cindy; her son, Michael; and daughter, Beth and her husband, Patton Drewett, Sr.

Nana will be missed dearly by her 12 grandchildren and their families, Audrey Cascio Craig, Elyse Cascio Rogers, Madelyn Cascio Jones, Rachel Carona Fishback, Jennifer Carona Phelan, Donnie Carona, Travis Carona, Nicholas Carona, Patton Drewett Jr, Walker Drewett, Hayes Drewett, and Malone Drewett, and ten great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Diane Drummond, Julie Provost, Paula Shaw, O'Neil Provost Jr, Giles Provost, Margo Pluta, Craig Provost and Toni Provost.

We are grateful to Silverado Bee Cave Memory Care Community for their loving care throughout the last year. Finally, our gracious Mama would want to thank her close friends and family, for filling her life with such joy and love.

Gwen's prayer of
Thanksgiving and Praise

King of King and Lord of Lord:
I give you praise and thanksgiving
for all the glorious things you
have done in my life.

You knit me together in my
mother's womb. Psalm 139:13 You have
called me by name. Isaiah 43:1

You sent me to Christian parents,
O'Neil and Bellic, they loved and
feared the Lord, and showed me
love. I give you thanks, Father.
We would gather in our living room,
every morning before school, when
I was in high school and Daddy
would lead us in the rosary, Thank
you Lord.

You have given me nine siblings,
David, Deane, Julie, Paula, O'Neil,
Giles, Margo, Craig and Toni, to
grow up with and love. I praise
your Holy Name.

I give you thanks Lord, for

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own
understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5, 6

my kind, sweet, grandmother,
Grandma Frost, that lived
with us and gave us stability.
She was always such a beautiful
example in my life. She loved you
Lord and was very close to you. She
showed me through her kindnesses,
how to live a Christian life.

Thank you for her, Sweet Jesus.

I was sent to a Christian School,
St. Marys and Byrne High School And was
taught by the nuns to "keep my eyes on
Jesus." I thank you for the Dominican
nuns that taught me there. In Psalm
25:4 it says "Show me your way, O Lord,
teach me your paths, guide me in
your truth and teach me, for you
are God my Saviour."

You heard my prayers and
petitions as a young girl and
gave me a husband to cherish,
He is my lover, and father of my
children, and loving friend. In
Proverbs 5:18 it says "May

Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; make known His deeds
among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous
works. Glory in His holy name.

Psalm 105:1-3

your fountain be blessed and may
you rejoice in the wife of your
youth." You are gracious to me,
Lord.

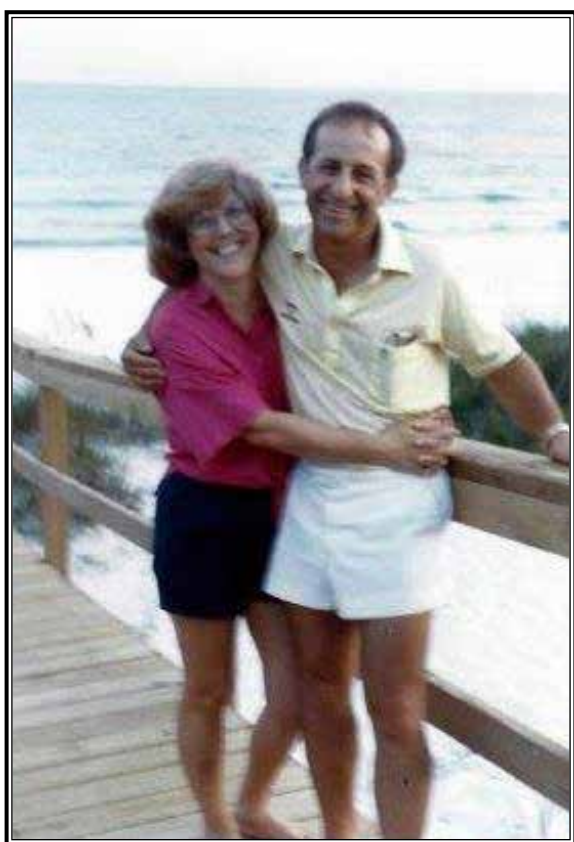
With no children, I prayed and
pleaded with you and you blessed
me with four children, Brenda,
Donnie, Michael and Beth. In
Psalm 113:9 it says, "He settles
the barren women in her home
as a happy mother of children. You
are my compassionate Father."













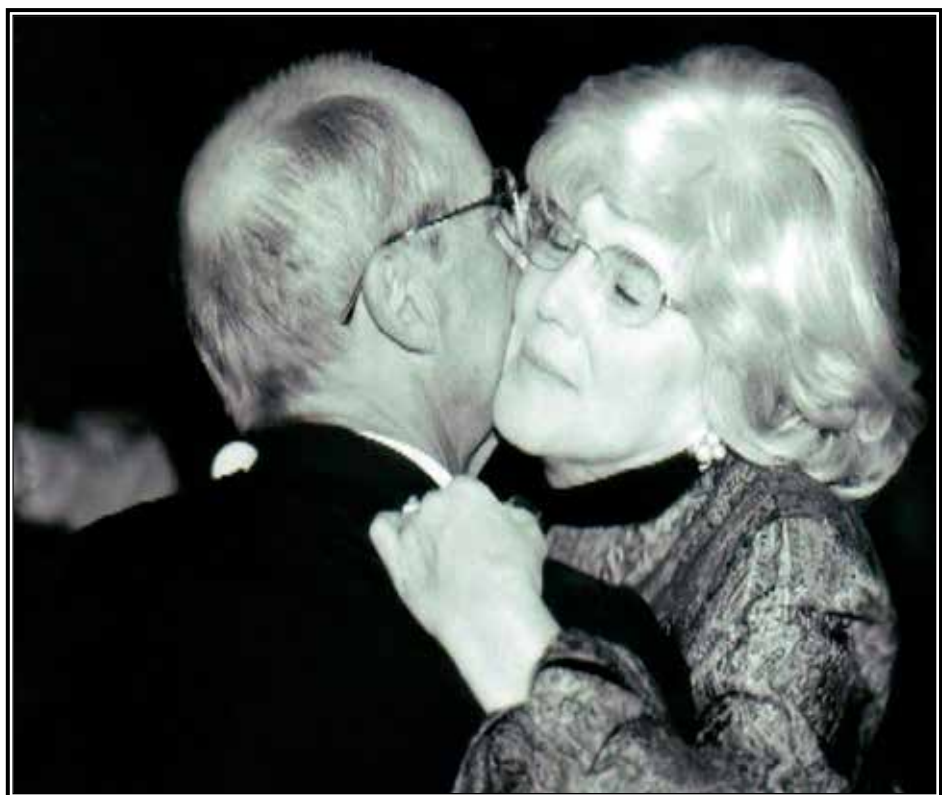












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Placing of Pall:	Donnie Carona, Michael Carona, Brenda Cascio Beth Drewett, Joe Carona
Lectors:	Nicholas Carona, Gerard Cascio
Gift Bearers:	Elyse Rogers, Madelyn Jones, Rachel Fishback Jennifer Phelan
Eucharistic Ministers:	Celebrant of the Mass, Deacon of the Mass Vickie Seymour, Derick Drummond
Music Ministers:	Madelyn Jones, Linda Caillavet, Scott Feldhausen
Pallbearers:	Travis Carona, Nicholas Carona, Donnie Carona Patton Drewett, Jr., Walker Drewett, Hayes Drewett Malone Drewett

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Saint Jude Thaddeus Catholic Community
Beaumont, Texas – February 19, 2018

Interment

Oak Bluff Memorial Park
Port Neches, Texas

Memorial Contributions

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

Mother Teresa



Please sign Mrs. Carona's guest book and share your memories at
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