



*Ruth Jean Farrell Catalano*  
*July 27, 1918 - April 23, 2017*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading  
Romans 6:3-9

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 23

*Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my dropping spirit. *Refrain*

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. *Refrain*

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. *Refrain*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. *Refrain*

**The Gospel  
John 14:1-6**

HOMILY

*“It Is Well With My Soul”*

Prayers of the Faithful

Response:  
*“Lord, hear our prayer”*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

PRESIDER: Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her,  
angels of the Lord!

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

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

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

*Ruth Jean Farrell Catalano*, age 98, was peacefully welcomed into the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ on the evening of Sunday, April 23, 2017, at Buckner's Calder Woods Retirement Home in Beaumont. She was born on July 27, 1918, in Buffalo, New York, to Jean Isabel Emig Farrell and Roy James Baxter Farrell.

By 1942 Ruth had become a Registered Nurse and was assisting the World War II effort on the Home Front by serving the civilian community while much of the local medical profession was preparing to deploy overseas. In late 1943, she and her husband, Donald H. McCracken, United States Army Infantry, had a son but First Lieutenant McCracken was subsequently killed in action during the combat culminating in the Battle of the Bulge on November 28, 1944. Russell J. Catalano, M.D., also of Buffalo, New York, was a surgeon stationed with the Army's 10<sup>th</sup> Evacuation Hospital in 1944 and 1945 and served in England, France, Belgium, and Germany. Following his return to the United States and after completing training as a Radiologist at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, he and Ruth were married and immediately relocated to the welcoming warmth and hospitality of Southeast Texas. They were soon blessed with a daughter, Roberta JoAnn Catalano Stephens, and a son, Russell Joseph "Joey" Catalano, Jr. Robbie fought a long and truly heroic battle with cancer for years before ultimately being called to Heaven and the arms of our Lord Jesus on July 15, 2005.

Ruth's devotion to her new home was soon apparent to all her soon numerous friends and acquaintances. Her commitment to helping others was clearly demonstrated by her years of service as a volunteer nurse in the old T.B. Hospital in Beaumont. She later became Director of Admissions for the then newly established Beaumont Neurological Hospital and then became the first president of Beaumont's very own Some Other Place. She was also exceedingly effective as a Bridge player and maintained her Lifetime Masters Points until very late in life.

Ruth is survived by her sons, Donald H. "Don" McCracken of Bentwater in Montgomery County, Russell J. "Joey" Catalano of Beaumont, and her much loved grandson, Donald H. "D.J." McCracken, III of Freeport, Florida.









*All are invited to a gathering at Broussard's Centre,  
1775 Calder Avenue, Beaumont, immediately following  
Mrs. Catalano's memorial service.*

**Memorial Service**  
Saturday, April 29, 2017 11:00 a.m.  
Broussard's Chapel  
Beaumont, Texas  
Reverend Monsignor Dan Malain

**Memorial Contributions**  
Some Other Place  
P.O. Box 843  
Beaumont, Texas 77704



Please sign Mrs. Catalano's guestbook and share your memories at  
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