



Robert J. Devillier, Sr.

June 7, 1925 - November 2, 2019

Mass of Christian Burial

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 10:30 a.m.

St. Louis Catholic Church

Winnie, Texas

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Processional

“Here I Am Lord”

GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY

As a reminder of Robert’s 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

Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

John 5:24-29

HOMILY

Prayers of the Faithful

Response:

“Lord, hear our prayer”

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

“Be Not Afraid”

COMMUNION RITE

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

Communion

“I Am the Bread of Life”

Meditation

“Amazing Grace”

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

“On Eagle’s Wings”



Robert James Devillier

was born on June 7, 1925 to Marie Argentine Rivette and Oscar Paul Devillier in Winnie, Texas. He was also welcomed by seven siblings, Oscar, Roland, Doc, Edna Mae, Edgar, Nina and Theresa.

The family lived out in the country near Rayne, Louisiana. Robert had fond memories of his mother's large garden, milk cows and chickens. He attended St. Joseph's School. The family then moved to Crowley, Louisiana where he attended St. Michael's School. He had many friends and played basketball.

Early on Robert had a very strong Catholic faith and as a boy attended church retreats in Grand Coteau, and Camp Thistlewaite Boys Camp. He also enjoyed many different part time jobs with his sister Edna Mae such as delivering groceries and assembling bicycles at Morgan & Lindsay Dept Store, as well as milking cows.

His brother Roland purchased for Robert (who they affectionately nicknamed Toby) his first baseball bat, ball and glove and played catch with him often, thus beginning his lifelong love of the game. He lost his brother Roland in March of 1939.

Upon high school graduation in 1942, Robert began a series of other part time jobs: livestock auctions with Papa, hauling rice with his brothers and working at the mill. During during his high school senior year, Pearl Harbor had greatly impacted the world. This led to his 1943 enlistment in the US Navy just four months shy of his 18th birthday. He lost his grandfather Jean Baptiste Rivette that same year. He headed to Camp Coeur d' Alene for basic training.

After Radio School at Northwestern University he left for California and onward to the Pacific. After a brief stint in Hawaii, Robert landed,

along with an armada of destroyers and battleships in Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands. His troop remained there for 3 years and coming home was a joyous time. While the years passed his memories of World War II were incredibly vivid.

Greeted back in Crowley by his mother he enjoyed a special month with her before both joining Papa and others in the family in Winnie, living near Gramps old homestead site.

He started working at Union Texas Petroleum as a mechanic and served on the credit union board. He coached the company sponsored little league baseball team. Robert married Letha Floyd Dugat and was blessed with two daughters, Carolyn Jean and Catherine Ann. His mother passed away in 1948 and they also lost Gramps in 1949.

Robert met his future bride, Theresa Adelaide Picou at a company dance. On April 27, 1957 they were married. Their first son, Roland James was born shortly after. A year later they welcomed their second son Russell Anthony. Robert James Jr. and Roger Alan were soon to follow. It was a busy time for all!

When Robert purchased his first car, a black Chevy and sold it, it led to another passion: buying and selling cars. He began when his uncle Louis offered him a sales job. After the birth of their first daughter, Kimberly Kay he formed a relationship with Paul Keating and began his career with Keating's Chevrolet.

Allison Renee was born with Julie Anna following a few years later. The family was finally complete. Throughout work and children Theresa and Robert enjoyed their extended



families, sports and trips to the beach. They also enjoyed visiting family in Florida, Oklahoma, Wyoming and vacations in Hawaii, Acapulco, Italy, and the Bahamas.

His strong faith never left him. Robert enjoyed Catholic retreats in his adult life and was a Knights of Columbus at St. Louis Parish for many years.

Another favorite past time was watching his beloved Astros...he attended his first game in 1965 vs. the NY Yankees in the new Astrodome and Mickey Mantle hit a home run. He attended many games in the years to come and was also present at their first World Series appearance in 2005. His final visit to their stadium was in 2014. In his later years he could be found chatting with friends over coffee at the Winnie Pharmacy daily.

He is survived by his children Carolyn Cormier, Catherine Devillier, Jamie and Cynthia Devillier, Russell Devillier, Bobby and Leslie Devillier, Roger and Angela Devillier, Kim and Larry Drew, Allison and Wayne McAnally, Julie and Tony Sanchez, nineteen grandchildren, and twenty-four great grandchildren.

Robert is preceded in death by his wife Theresa, parents and siblings.







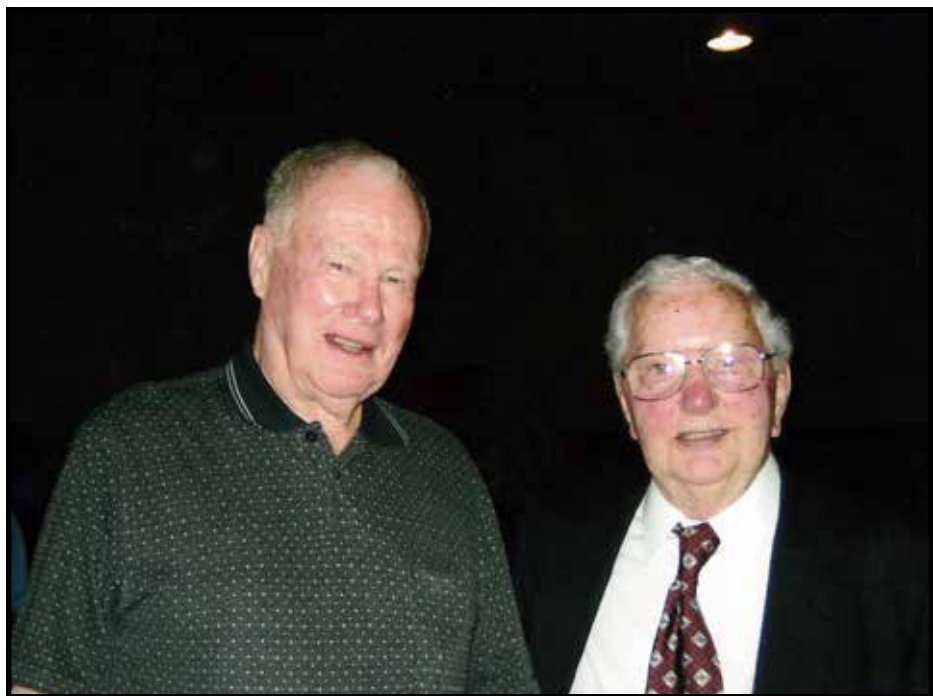














Celebrant	Reverend D. Stephen McCrate
Placing of the Pall	Carolyn Cormier, Catherine Devillier Kim Drew, Allison McAnally Julie Sanchez
Gift Bearers	Jamie Devillier, Russell Devillier, Bobby Devillier, Roger Devillier
Lectors	Amanda de la Motte, Ashley James Leslie Sutton, Olivia Devillier
Eucharistic Ministers	Wayne McAnally, Mazie East
Music Minister	Karon McGaha
Pallbearers	Travis Saunders, Blayne Nolen Graham Devillier, John Devillier Chad Devillier, Robert “Robbie” Devillier
Honorary Pallbearers	Manuel “Cinco” Sanchez, V Robert Perry LaVictoire

Interment

Fairview Cemetery
Winnie, Texas

Military Honors

Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group

Reception to follow Interment in Parish Hall.



Please sign Mr. Devillier’s guest book and share your memories at
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