



# Sylvester "Syl" John Kucera

December 28, 1926 - April 3, 2017

**Mass of Christian Burial**  
Thursday, April 6, 2017 10:00 a.m.  
Infant Jesus Catholic Church  
Lumberton, Texas

# **ENTRANCE PROCESSION**

Processional

*“On Eagle’s Wings”*

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

As a reminder of Sylvester’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 8:31-35, 37-39

### 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

*Instrumental*

## COMMUNION RITE

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

Communion

*"I Can Only Imagine"*

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

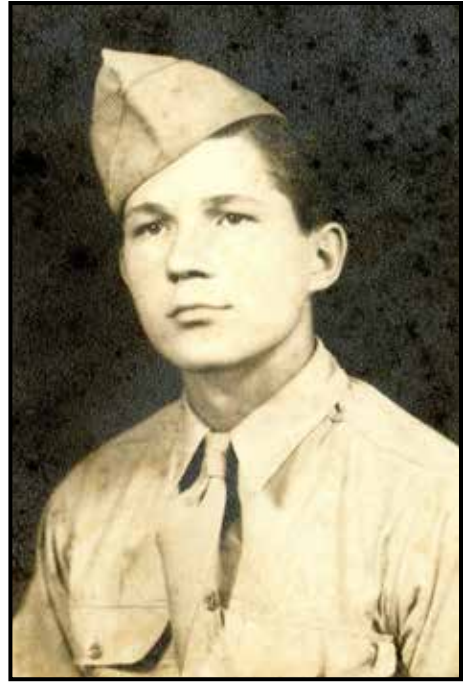
*"Songs of the Angels"*

## SONGS OF THE ANGELS

*"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."*

[B. Duford]

Sylvester “Syl” Kucera, 90, of Lumberton, passed away on Monday, April 3, 2017, at his residence. He was born on December 28, 1926, in Hungerford, to Agnes Brandl Kucera and John Kucera.



Syl was raised in the Hungerford area and attended school there. He married Merle Laverne Rieger on January 20, 1951, in Wharton. He served his country proudly in the United States Army. A longtime resident of Beaumont and Lumberton, he retired from Texas Gulf Sulphur where he worked in the lab department.

Syl loved hunting, fishing, gardening, and was a jack of all trades. He was a mechanic, carpenter, and could do about everything. Most importantly, he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a devout Christian. He was a Catholic member of the KJZT.

Survivors include his wife of sixty-six years, Merle Kucera of Lumberton; children, Greg Kucera and his wife, Vicki of Hillister; Mark Kucera and his wife, Lois, of Lumberton; and Debbie Overstreet and her husband, Walter, of Zavalla; grandchildren, Leigha Kucera, Megan Kucera, Matthew Kucera, and Cory Overstreet; great-grandchild, Savanna Walzel. He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Martha Kovar and Agnes Polasek; and brother, Simon Kucera.

The family would like to thank Calvin Bourque and Jackie Coleman, our caregivers, for the love, special care, and attentiveness they gave Syl during his illness. A special thanks to Texas Total Care, Inc.







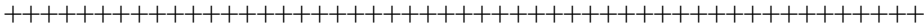




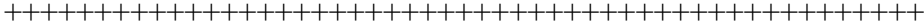








Celebrant	Reverend Andrew Moore
Placing of the Pall	Calvin Bourque, Jackie Coleman
Music Minister	Darlene Favre
Pallbearers	Cory Overstreet, Matthew Kucera Carl Henderson, Larry Fesco Mike Walzel, Calvin Bourque



**Interment**

Pine Ridge Cemetery  
Kountze, Texas

**Memorial Contributions**

Infant Jesus Catholic Church  
P.O. Box 8180  
Lumberton, Texas 77657



Alzheimer's Association  
*in Memory of Sylvester Kucera*  
700 North Street, Suite M  
Beaumont, Texas 77701



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