



# **Kenneth Edward Ruddy, Sr.**

**November 29, 1925 - July 13, 2018**

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

**Monday, July 16, 2018 10:00 a.m.**

**St. Anne Catholic Church**

**Beaumont, Texas**

## **GATHERING RITE**

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

As a reminder of Kenneth’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

Isaiah 41:10-13

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 23

*“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”*

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-23

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

### **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

Matthew 5:1-12

## **HOMILY**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:

*“Lord, hear our prayer”*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

*“Amazing Grace”*

## COMMUNION RITE

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

Communion

*Telemann Concerto and Barbirolli Concerto  
on Viola by Noah Schneider*

Meditation

*“Ave Maria”*

### **Invitation to Prayer**

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

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.***

## **PRAYER OF COMMENDATION**

Recessional

*“Song of Farewell”  
“Battle Hymn of the Republic” (lyrics on next page)*

## ***“Battle Hymn of the Republic”***

Led by Household Staff, Mr. Ruddy’s Dear Friends

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword  
His truth is marching on, His truth is marching

Glory, glory, Hallelujah! Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps  
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps  
His day is marching on

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free  
While God is marching on

Glory, glory, Hallelujah! Glory, glory, Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!  
His truth is marching on! And on and on and on and on and on

**Kenneth Edward Ruddy**, devoted father, grandfather, great grandfather, and husband of sixty-six years to Therese Roane Ruddy, passed away on July 13, 2018 at the age of 92 in Beaumont, Texas.

The oldest of three children, Ken was born to Elsie Frankey and Judge Edward Michael Ruddy on November 29, 1925 in St. Louis, Missouri. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers Judge James Ruddy of St. Louis, Missouri and Neal Ruddy of Alton, Illinois.

Ken is survived by his children, Sharon and husband Eddie Neusel of Austin; Debbie and husband Fred Schwartz of Santa Fe, New Mexico; Roane and wife Carolyn Craig Ruddy, Therese Porter and Chris and husband John Draths, all of Beaumont; Ken and wife Gretchen Kreager Ruddy, Jr., and Peter Ruddy of Houston; Erin and husband Mike Allare of Tyler; Patrick Ruddy of Grapevine; Elizabeth and husband David Schneider of LaMesa, California, twenty-five grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren.

In 1943 Ken graduated from St. Louis University High School and went on to attend St. Louis University and Iowa State College, with a brief stint in the Navy before deciding on the United States Military Academy at West Point. Duty, Honor, Country was the creed he not only deeply believed in, but also lived by on a daily basis.

After graduating from the Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Civil Engineering, he served in the United States Regular Army from 1948 – 1956, with tours of duty in Fort Riley, Kansas, Fort Benning, Georgia, Japan, Korea, and Fairbanks, Alaska. While serving in the Korean War he was awarded both Bronze and Silver Stars for heroic actions, aggressive leadership and courageous devotion to duty.

Ken began his career in the automobile business at Beaumont Motor Co. in 1956 with Therese's father, James Fant "Fuzzy" Roane. For fifty-nine years he lead Southeast Texas Classic Automotive, the management company of his expanded automobile business. At one point it included dealerships from Mobile, Alabama to Scottsdale, Arizona. Today it includes the local dealerships of Classic Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick, GMC, Kia, Acura, Twin City Honda, Nissan, and Classic Toyota, and Mercedes-Benz of Tyler.

His civic leadership began when he joined the Rotary Club in 1956 and served as president in 1972. In 1973 he served as founding president of the Beaumont Rotary Foundation which provides funding for public service projects. He also was a founding member of the area chapter of the Better Business Bureau. For many years Ken served as a board member of the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital, and the Southeast Texas Economic Development Foundation. Back in the 1980's, he and a handful of other local business leaders helped lead an effort to make the Golden Triangle more cost competitive and attractive for petrochemical expansions. They met with local labor leaders and plant managers and traveled from New Jersey to California to meet with corporate executives promoting our local area. That effort has had a huge impact on our local economy.

Ken was a devoted Catholic, beginning in his youth as an altar boy at St. Phillip Neri Catholic Church in St. Louis, Missouri and continuing with daily Mass at St. Anne Catholic Church in Beaumont.

The family would like to express sincere gratitude for the extraordinary love and care shown towards "Big Daddy" by Robert and Pauline Carey, August and Augustine Jones, Arturo Ibarra, Shirley Prejean, Amanda Hernandez, Linda Johnson, Criseline Yap and Louie Yap, Gloria Goodson, and Lucy Bensuto. Heartfelt appreciation is also extended to Dr. John Henderson, the late Dr. Daniel J. Harmon, Dr. Jeremy Huff, Dr. Joseph Holland, Dr. Nestor Punay, Dr. Todd Clarke and Dr. Jackson L. Porter, Dr. Erwin Lo and their staffs, for patience, care and compassion beyond the call of duty.

He leaves behind many family members dedicated to continuing his memorable, humorous stories, which were repeated so many times we have numbered each of them, and his cherished legacy of unity, strength, and pride, not only for his personal and business families but also for this great country of ours.

# Kenneth Edward Ruddy, Sr.

Place of Birth: Missouri

Kenneth Ruddy graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Class of 1948.

Awards by date of action:

## Silver Star

Awarded for actions during Korean War

Service: Army

Division: 25th Infantry Division

**Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division,  
General Orders No. 188 (1951)**



CITATION: (Citation Needed) - SYNOPSIS: The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to First Lieutenant (Infantry) Kenneth Edward Ruddy, United States Army, for gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force while serving as Executive Officer of an Infantry Company of the 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, in action against the enemy in Korea from 1950 to 1951. His gallant actions and dedicated devotion to duty, without regard for his own life, were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

## Bronze Star

Ruddy, CAPT Kenneth E. (25ID) (1st Citation)

**Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division  
General Orders No. 193 - 26 September 1950**

Captain Kenneth E. Ruddy, 057239, Infantry, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, United States Army. On 21 August 1950 in the vicinity of Sinji, Korea when the gestures of a group of enemy 2000 yards forward of the frontlines indicated a desire to surrender, Captain Ruddy volunteered to lead a mounted patrol into the area where the group was located. The group dispersed as the patrol approached and the latter were brought under intense fire from hostile small arms and 20mm cannon fire. Ordering the men to dismount, Captain Ruddy organized defensive positions and directed fire on the enemy until supporting fire could be placed on the hostile positions, then led the patrol to safety. Captain Ruddy's aggressive leadership and courageous devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on himself and his unit. Entered the military service from Missouri.





















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Celebrant	Reverend Gus Wall, S.V.D.
Con-Celebrants	Reverend Monsignor James Dempsey
	Reverend Rodel Faller
	Reverend Martin Nelson
Homilist	Reverend Monsignor Michael Jamail
Deacon of the Word	Deacon Clint Elkins
Deacon of the Mass	Deacon Ben Yett
Placing of the Pall	The Children of Kenneth Edward Ruddy, Sr.
Gift Bearers	Elizabeth Ruddy Gaffney, Molly Allare
	Hannah Schneider
Lectors	Gretchen Neusel Scardino
	Sarah Schwartz Ellis
Prayers of the Faithful	Catherine Draths
Eucharistic Ministers	Eddie Neusel, Ken Ruddy
Music Ministers	Noah Schneider on Viola
	Madison Neusel
	Abigail Dupin
	Dr. Sue Jung Cho
Altar Server	Sam Marchand
Pallbearers	Kit Neusel, Todd Schwartz, Nicholas Schwartz
	Travis Porter, Clarke Porter, Thomas Draths
	Roane Draths, Andrew Ruddy, Patrick Allare
	Casey Allare, Spencer Schneider, Noah Schneider

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**Memorial Contributions**

St. Anne Catholic Church	The Wounded Warrior Project
P.O. Box 3429	P.O. Box 78517
Beaumont, Texas 77704	Topeka, Kansas 66675
St. Pius X Catholic Church	Alzheimer’s Association
5075 Bigner Road	P.O. Box 96011
Beaumont, Texas 77708	Washington, DC 20090-6011

or an Organization of One’s Choice

**Burial**

Forest Lawn Memorial Park  
Beaumont, Texas

**Military Honors**

Southeast Texas Veteran’s Service Group



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