



*Mary Alice Matte Guidry*  
*April 17, 1929 - September 16, 2020*

**Mass of Christian Burial**  
Saturday, September 19, 2020 11:00 a.m.  
St. Mary Catholic Church  
Fannett, Texas

## GATHERING RITE

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

As a reminder of Mary'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."*

Processional

*"Lift High the Cross"*

Opening Prayer

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading

Wisdom 3:1-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Response: "Shepherd me, O God."

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *"Lord, hear our prayer"*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts	<i>“Ave Maria”</i>
Eucharistic Acclamations	Holy, Holy, Holy Mystery of Faith Great Amen
Communion Rite	The Lord’s Prayer Sign of Peace Lamb of God
Communion	<i>“Be Not Afraid”</i>

Prayer After Communion

## FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation of Prayer

Song of Farewell:

**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.**

Prayer of Commendation

## PROCESSION TO PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Recessional *“On Eagle’s Wings”*



*Mary Alice Matte Guidry* was born April 17, 1929 in Big Lake, Cameron Parish, Louisiana to Lorenza and Eva Matte. She was born in her parents' home and delivered by a midwife. She was named after her mother's sister, who had died during a Typhoid epidemic in October 1916. Her mother had lost a brother also, a month earlier in September 1916.

She was the seventh of eleven children. Her siblings preceding her in death were Raleigh Matte, Lillie Mae Matte Cradeur, Nelson, Estelle Matte Thibodeaux, Lillian Matte Tryon, Joseph Dalton Matte, Viola Matte Wisby. She is survived by Theodore Matte, Ervin Matte, Elda Matte Richard.

As a child she spoke only French until she started school. Her family spoke only French at home.

When she was born her father was a tenant farmer. He had followed his father from Church Point, Louisiana who had moved to nearby Sweetlake the year before. She grew up in their community with many aunts, uncles and cousins around to play with. Her family was religious, they lived close to the Catholic church in Big Lake and would walk to church on Sunday mornings. Every night before bedtime the family would gather in the living room when the parents called them and they would all kneel to recite the rosary. At the end of the rosary, they would pray for the intercession of St. Joseph to grant them a Holy death. She was confirmed by Bishop Jeanmard while Pius VII was pope.

Through her childhood the family moved to different farms sharecropping trying to make a better life. Most every year they would miss the first six weeks of school because they were busy helping to pick cotton. When they travelled between farms it was by a horse-drawn wagon. Her father's dad lived about 12 miles away so when they'd visit, they'd have

to spend the night and go home the next afternoon. They didn't do that often because it was difficult with that many children, farm duties and the weather had to be good.

Her mother was an excellent seamstress who didn't need a pattern but, could look at a picture in a catalog and make the exact piece of clothing. She sewed for all of her family and also for some of the neighbors and didn't charge them anything. They didn't have any money but, they raised everything they needed to eat. Chickens, hogs, a few cows for milking. They planted corn, tomatoes, melons, peanuts, popcorn and soy beans. In the winter they would butcher hogs to make sausage and bacon. The only groceries they would buy were flour, sugar and coffee beans that they would roast themselves. Often, they went to school barefooted, most of the other children were in the same boat so, they didn't know they were poor. She grew up in a home where her mother cooked on a wood stove in the winter and summer and would can vegetables on that stove in the heat of summer. She shared beds with her sisters and often two beds in the room. For refrigeration, the ice man would deliver blocks of ice once a week for the "ice box". Sometimes they'd buy ice just to make ice cream in a hand-churned freezer as many as seven freezers in one afternoon.

At Christmas, Santa would come in a tugboat sounding a siren down the Intracoastal Canal to the ferry landing and give apple, oranges, nuts and small toys such as dolls, jacks or marbles to the children in the community that ran to gather there.

Her mother and father would help harvest other farms such as rice and sugar cane for trade. They'd often have about 800 to 1,000 lbs of rice stored in a bedroom and several gallons of syrup that was traded for labor. Her mother would order material and dress goods from the Sears Roebuck catalog and it was an exciting time when the mailman





would deliver the package of supplies. The children would share household chores so their mother could spend time sewing.

She graduated high school at Grandlake in 1946 at the age of seventeen; at the time there were only eleven grades.

Sometime after graduating high school, she moved to Lake Charles with her sisters and cousins and rented an apartment together so they could get jobs in town. Some of the places she worked were Walgreen's Drug Store, Deluxe Café, The Snack Shack, the Post Office Café at the corner of Broad

Street and Hodges in the Gayle Building, Joseph's Drive-In near Locke Park and Woody's Drive-In on Ryan Street. Later, she worked at the candy counter in Sears department store. Her manager told her that the candy department had been its most successful while she was there; then she moved to the girl's department; that was her last job outside the home, she quit that job when she became pregnant for her second baby. She was godmother to several of her nieces and nephews, everyone called her "Nanny".

She married Ewell Thomas Guidry in July 1957, a month to the day after hurricane Audrey destroyed Cameron, Louisiana. They were married in St. Margaret Catholic Church in Lake Charles. Her first baby was a boy and was stillborn, then she had Leonard Scott, Russell Kent, then a miscarriage, then Warren Lorenzo, Quintin Errol, another boy was stillborn, Alyson Kay and Thomas Ewell, II. Thomas preceded her in death in July 2017. She raised all of her children in their home on Creole Street that they had since marriage. After all the children were grown and married they built a home south of town at the end of Pine Hill Street, next door to her sister Estelle and her son, Leonard.

She will be remembered for her example of faith and loved dearly her Catholic faith and attending Mass up until the COVID-19 pandemic. Her cooking and baking, her joy of life. She trusted her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was a perfect example of a prayer warrior. She was a member of St. Margaret Catholic Parish where she taught CCD and served as a Eucharistic Minister until moving south of town when she became a member of Christ the King Parish. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Cajun French Music Association.

She has thirteen grandchildren who will cherish her memory, Clayton, Alexis, Brooke, Savannah, Jacob, Sarah, Dakota, Cameron, Haydon and Gavon Guidry and Austin and Beau Dobson and Raegan Wyble. Also to cherish her memory are her great grandchildren, Vivienne Kate and William Alex Burnett, Eleanor Rose Guidry, Kallie LeJeune, Ella Fulmer and Hadley Lynn Guidry is expected in November.







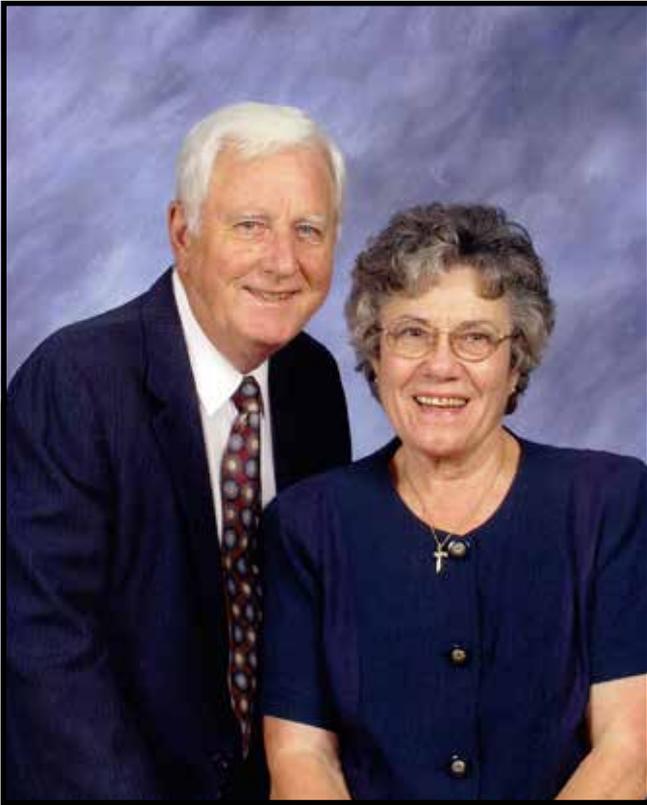


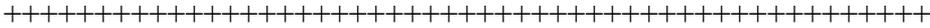






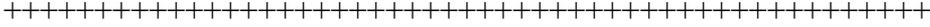






Celebrant  
Placing of the Pall  
Pallbearers

Reverend Jim McClintock  
Mrs. Guidry's Children  
Clayton C. Guidry, Jacob D. Guidry  
Dakoda D. Guidry, Austin G. Dobson  
Cameron S. Guidry, Haydon T. Guidry  
Beau T. Dobson, Gavon T. Guidry  
Clayton D. Burnett, Gerrod Fulmer



**Family Committal**  
Consolata Cemetery  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

**Memorial Contributions**  
Christ the King Catholic Church  
7680 Gulf Highway  
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70607



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