



**Betty Jean Breitenberg Maggio**  
**18 January 1934 – 10 May 2023**

**Mass of Christian Burial**  
Tuesday, 6 June 2023 10:30 a.m.  
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
Nederland, Texas

# Mass of Christian Burial

Betty Jean Breitenberg Maggio



## Gathering Rite

*V.* The grace and peace of God our Father and Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*R.* **And with your spirit.**

**The people rise** as the Celebrant meets the body of the deceased at the door of the church. Sprinkling the body with holy water at the entrance of the church, the celebrant says:

In the waters of baptism Betty died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

*The body is brought into the Church.*

### **All Stand**

*Processional Hymn "Amazing Grace" Sung by the congregation as the Celebrant and the pallbearers process with the body toward the altar.*

1. A maz ing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
2. I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
3. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;  
How pre - cious did that grace appear the hour I first be -lieved.
4. The Lord has prom -ised good to me, his word my hope se -cures;  
He will my shield and por -tion be as long as life endures.
5. Through man -y dan -gers toils and snares, I have alrea -dy come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
6. When we 've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be-gun.

Placing of the Pall *When the body reaches the altar, the pall is placed over the casket by members of the family*

## The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect *prayed by the Celebrant*

**All Sit** as the Celebrant sits

The Lesson: The First Reading, Wisdom 3: 1-9c

V. The Word of the Lord

R. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: *Psalm 23, chanted by cantor, "The Lord is my shepherd..."*

The Epistle: *The Second Reading, II Corinthians 4:14- 5:1*

**All Stand** as the Celebrant or Deacon stands to proclaim the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel: *St. John 6:51-58*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with your spirit.**

V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

R. **+ Glory to you O Lord.**

*Remain standing as the Holy Gospel is read*

**All Sit** as the Celebrant begins the Homily

Homily

Prayers of the People *to each petition, the people respond:*

R. **Lord, hear our prayer**

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts, the Offertory *Instrumental, "Be Thou My Vision"*

Invitation to Prayer *the Celebrant invites the congregation to prayer*

**All Stand**

V. Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts

V. Lord, accept this sacrifice we offer for our sister, Betty on the day of her burial. May your love cleanse her from her human weakness and forgive any sins she may have committed. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. **Amen.**

Preface for Christian Death

V. The Lord be with you

R. **And with your spirit**

V. Lift up your hearts

R. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

V. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

R. **It is right and just**

V. Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In Him who rose from the dead, our hope of resurrection dawned. The sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality.

Lord for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death; we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven. And so, with the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

The Sanctus *congregation chant led by the Celebrant*

All. **Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt Caeli et terra gloria tua.**

**Hosana in excelsis. + Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosana in excelsis.**

**All Kneel**

The Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. *The prayer of the Priest to the Father on our behalf*

Memorial Acclamation

R. **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.**

*The congregation responds after the Eucharistic Prayer:*

R. **Amen.**

**All Stand**

The Lord's Prayer *the Our Father is said by the congregation*

The Peace

V. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. **And with thy Spirit**

Agnus Dei congregation chant led by the Celebrant.

All. **Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.**

### **All Kneel**

#### Invitation to Communion

V. Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. ***Lord, I am not worthy that thou should come under my roof; but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.***

Guidelines for reception of Holy Communion. If you are not a Catholic, and for those that cannot receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, during communion we invite you either to pray an act of Spiritual Communion, and/or to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest and receive a blessing from the Priest or Deacon, or remain in your pew and reflect on the presence of Christ.

Holy Communion members of the congregation may come forward for reception of Holy Communion according to the 'guidelines for receiving.'

#### Communion Hymn "Panis Angelicus" Sung by the congregation

1. Pa-nis an-gé-li-cus fit pa-nis hó-mi-num;  
Dat pa-nis cáe-li-cus fi-gú-ris tér mi num  
O res mi-rá-bi-lis! Man-dú-cat Dó-mi-num  
Pau-per, ser-vus et hú-mi-lis.
2. Te, tri-na Dé-i-tas u-ná-que, pó-sci-mus  
Sic nos tu ví-si-ta, sic-ut te có-li-mus;  
Per tu-as sé-mi-tas Duc nos quo tén-di-mus,  
Ad lu-cem quam in-há-bi-tas.
  
1. Je-sus our living bread, Great gift from heave-en sent,  
Ful-fill the signs of old, And be our nour-ish-ment.  
We hum-ble peo-ple come To eat your sa-cred food,  
In peace, joy, love, and grat-i-tiude.
2. O bless-ed Trin-i-ty, We praise and wor-ship you;  
Strength-en our u-ni-ty, Our faith and trust re-new.  
Lore, lead us all our days To heaú-n-ly peace and light;  
Grant us rest, there, be-fore your sight. A - men.

Silent prayer during or after Holy Communion the *Anima Christi* or *Act of Self-Oblation* may be prayed silently by the faithful

## **Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me;  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash me;  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesu, hear me; Within thy wounds hide me;  
Suffer me not to be separated from thee; From the malicious enemy defend me;  
In the hour of my death call me; And bid me come unto thee;  
That with thy Saints I may praise thee; For ever and ever. Amen.

## **Act of Self-Oblation**

ACCEPT, O Lord, my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my will. All that I am and have thou hast given to me; and I give all back to thee to be disposed of according to thy good pleasure. Give me only the comfort of thy presence and the joy of thy love; with these I shall be more than rich and shall desire nothing more. Amen.

Meditation Hymn “*Ave Maria*” sung by the cantor

**All may remain Kneeling** or Sit during meditation hymn

Post-Communion Prayer *prayed by the Celebrant*

**All Stand**

## **Final Commendation**

*the Celebrant stands at the casket*

Invitation to Prayer

V. Because God has chosen to call our sister, Betty, from this life to himself, we commit her body to the earth, for we are dust and unto dust we shall return. But the Lord Jesus Christ will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen the firstborn from the dead. So let us commend our sister to the Lord, that the Lord may embrace her in peace and raise up her body on the last day.

The Sprinkling and the Censing *the Celebrant goes around the casket sprinkling and censing the body while the congregation prays in silence.*

The Song of Farewell

V. Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

R. **Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.**

V. May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

R. **Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.**

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

R. **Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High**

Prayer of Commendation

V. Into your hands, Father of Mercies, we commend our sister, Betty, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day. We give thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Betty in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. **Amen**

Procession to the Place of Committal

V In peace let us take our sister to her place of rest.

Recessional Hymn “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Sung by congregation

Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega; He the source, the ending he,  
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.

Blessed was that day for ever when the Virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the saviour of our race,  
And the Child, the world’s redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,  
Evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time, chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets, Promised in their faithful word;  
Now he shines the long expected; Let creation praise the Lord.  
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven adore him; Angel hosts, his praises sing;  
All dominions, bow before him, And extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring,  
Evermore and evermore.

**BOW** may be done in reverence to the Trinity

*Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory to the Holy Spirit, Persons three, yet Godhead one.  
Glory be from all creation while eternal ages run,  
Evermore and evermore. Amen.*

*After the last verse, the priest and assisting ministers precede the coffin followed by the congregation.  
Music voluntary postlude*



**Requiescat in Pace**



***Betty Jean Breitenberg Maggio*** was born into eternal life on Wednesday, 10 May 2023 at Magnolia Manor Nursing Home in Groves, Texas at 5:31 a.m. due to natural causes.

Betty was born on 18 January 1934 in Robeline, Louisiana in Natchitoches Parish to Gerena Place Breitenberg and William Christian Breitenberg. She grew up in Powhatan, Louisiana. Her family later moved to Natchitoches, Louisiana where she lived for some years on the J.H. Williams Plantation on Cane River. She attended Natchitoches High School and entered Northwestern State College of Louisiana in Natchitoches as an art major. At Northwestern in 1952, as she was walking across the campus grounds, Staff Sergeant Joseph Charles Anthony, "J. C." Maggio of the USAF, saw Betty and wanted to meet her. Later, they met on a blind date arranged by Charles Maricelli. They were married on 6 March 1954 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

in Natchitoches and after Joseph's tour of duty in Korea they resided in Enid Oklahoma and later in Natchitoches where their first son, Michael Joseph, was born. In 1955, Betty and Joseph moved to Port Arthur, Texas where their other four children, Randal Anthony, Karolyn Anne, Stephen Paul, and James Paul were born. They moved to Nederland, Texas in 1961. Betty loved being a Texan, but was always fond of her Louisiana roots. Traveling back to Natchitoches and the Cane River area brought her much happiness.

Betty resumed her studies in art at Lamar State College of Technology in Beaumont, Texas in 1965. She was a substitute teacher at St. Anthony and St. Joseph Catholic schools in Beaumont. When not substituting, she was a housewife and enjoyed painting, sewing, traveling, camping, fishing and doing crafts. Her favorite pastime was collecting angels. Betty served as a Cub Scout Den Mother, was a member of District 9 Jefferson County Extension Education Association, and a member of the Red Hat Society. Betty was a wonderful cook; a couple of her specialties being gumbo and spaghetti and meatballs.

Betty's artistic ability was recognized very early in childhood. Inspired by her mother, she began to observe and sketch the beauty of nature around her. During high school, her pen and ink drawings were used for division pages in the yearbooks. While in college, in studying the Old Masters, her interest in art continued to grow and she became an accomplished artist. Her media were varied in pen and ink, pencil, charcoal, oil, acrylic, and watercolor. She taught art classes from her home from 1965 – 1978. In addition to teaching, Betty offered workshops, gave demonstrations in painting, restored historical art and was commissioned for private collections.



She owned and operated Betty Maggio Art Studio in her home in Nederland. Betty won many awards from her exhibitions in local art shows and exhibited her paintings at many showings and festivals including the Westheimer Art Festival in Houston and at Melrose Plantation near Natchitoches. Nine of her pen and ink drawings from the New Orleans collection were purchased by Gentry's Restaurant in Lafayette, Louisiana. Her extensive Port Arthur collection of pen and ink drawings featuring historic landmarks of the Beaumont-Port Arthur area have been purchased by local restaurants, the City of Port Arthur, and by many Golden Triangle art collectors. Her paintings can be found in many private collections across the United States. She illustrated several cookbooks including The Celestial Chef's Collection, and Food for the New Millennium, both compiled at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Nederland, Texas. Several of Betty's pen and ink reproductions are featured in the books, Early History of Port Arthur, Texas. 2001. and The Diocese of Beaumont; The Catholic Story of Southeast Texas. 1991. One of her favorite works is a pen and ink of "The Holy Family." Betty was a charter member of the Nederland Art Guild where she held several offices including president. Betty was an officer of the Lonestar Conservative Guild from 1975-1976 and was a member of the Beaumont Art League, Beaumont Art Museum, Texas Art Museum Society, Port Arthur Art Association, and the International Society of Artists. For several years, notecards featuring her artwork were sold, and are still being sold, at the Museum of the Gulf Coast in Port Arthur.

Betty was an active participant in the parish life of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church for 62 years. She was a member of the Altar Society and the Women's Guild, taught CCD for 17 years, and sponsored catechumens in RCIA, among other church organizations throughout the years. Betty was a Lay Dominican. She publicly professed her final promises and was perpetually incorporated into the Order of Preachers, Third Order of St. Dominic, on 11 August 2001. Also, she was co-chairman of the Scriptural Rosary at St. Charles. Betty was a dedicated wife, mother and homemaker. She treasured her children and grandchildren and prayed for them to have an ardent love of the Catholic Faith.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband; son, Stephen Paul; parents; stepfather, Jewel Paul, "J. P." Levasseur; brothers, William Christian, "W.C." Breitenberg, Jr. and Ronald Paul Levasseur; nephews, Samuel Ross Maggio, Jr. and Anthony S. D'Angelo, Jr.; and grandnephews, Dylan Matthew Kelley, and John Christopher Breitenberg.

Betty is survived by her sister Lois Smith (Jerry) of Nederland; sister-in-law, Sybil Breitenberg of White Oak, Texas; sons Michael (Cindy) of LaBelle, Texas; Randal of Rosharon, Texas; daughter Karolyn, (Darrell) of Nederland; son James (Diana) of Winnie, Texas; seven grandchildren, Jason Maggio, Kristine (Kelly) Gunn, Lauren (Chris) Sublett, Eric (Erica) Maggio, Jacqueline Kate Maggio, Jessica (Martin) Garcia, and Daniel Maggio; fourteen great-grandchildren Emily Maggio, Anthony Friddle, Christopher Friddle, Rainer Teague, Adalaine Maggio, Scarlett Garcia, Lilia Garcia, Kinley Sublett, Austin Sublett, Hagen Bearden, Addison Bearden, Hudson Bearden, Ella Maggio, and Evie Maggio; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.







Aug 25 1985  
*Port Arthur landmarks remembered in sketches*











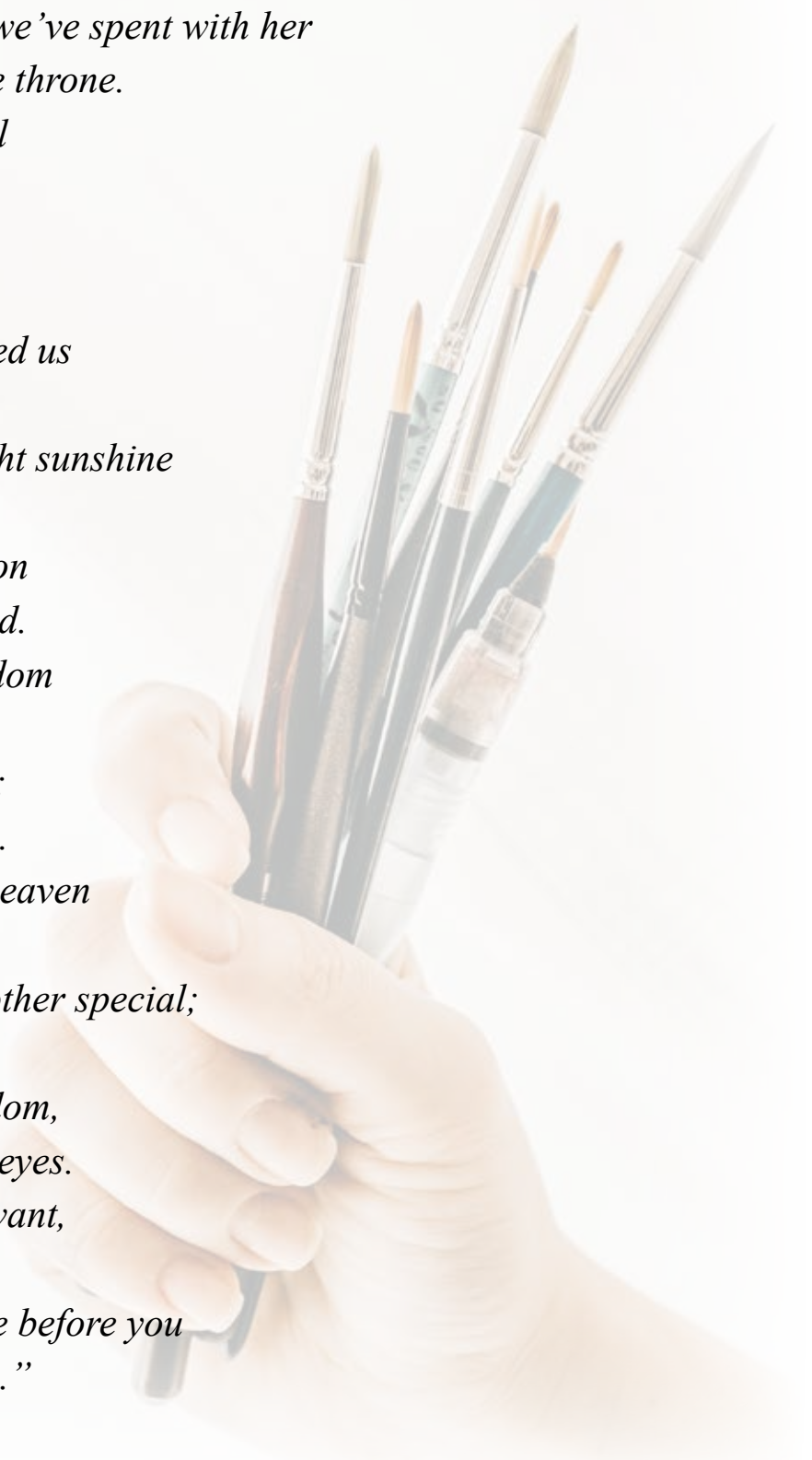






## A Mother's Love

*Our Mother's love is never lost,  
Even though her life is gone.  
We will cherish each moment we've spent with her  
Till we meet her at home at the throne.  
God made each mother special  
With a tender loving mind;  
To teach their little children  
To be thoughtful and kind.  
She has protected us and guided us  
With sincerity and grace.  
Her encouraging words brought sunshine  
Down upon my smiling face.  
She has been my favorite person  
Who I can turn to when I'm sad.  
She will whisper words of wisdom  
To make my spirit glad.  
Her faith in God has proved it;  
His hands will keep her strong.  
When she climbs the steps to heaven  
In His Arms she will belong.  
That's why God made each mother special;  
She's an angel in disguise.  
When she arrives at His Kingdom,  
There will be teardrops in her eyes.  
He will say "Thou faithful servant,  
Come stand here at my throne,  
And behold those who've come before you  
Will welcome your spirit home."*



Celebrant	Reverend R. Eathan Oakes
Placing of the Pall	Michael Maggio, Randal Maggio Karolyn Broussard, James Maggio
Lector for the Lesson	Rhonda Kelley
Lector for the Epistle	Deborah Smith
Pallbearers	Norman Breitenberg, Kevin Smith, Michael D'Angelo Jason Maggio, Eric Maggio, Daniel Maggio
Honorary Pallbearers	Stephen D'Angelo, Ralph Maggio, Chris Sublett Martin Garcia, Kelly Gunn, Scott Derouen Purvis Derouen

**Interment**

Memory Gardens of Jefferson County  
Nederland, Texas

**Noteworthy Affiliations**

Lay Dominican, Third Order of St. Dominic  
Member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Nederland, Texas for 62 years  
Lifetime member of St. Charles Women's Guild

**Memorial Contributions**

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