



Sylvia Elizabeth Cutaia

January 22, 1942 - November 22, 2023

Memorial Mass

Saturday, December 2, 2023 11:00 a.m.

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

Port Arthur, Texas

Processional

“Amazing Grace”

GATHERING RITE

GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY

As a reminder of Sylvia’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.”

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom 3:1-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Response: *“The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”*

Second Reading

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25 - 30

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts	<i>“How Great Thou Art”</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>“I Am the Bread of Life”</i>
Meditation	<i>“You Are Mine”</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”*



Sylvia Cutaia passed away peacefully at her home in Nederland with her husband, Steve, by her side, on November 22nd, 2023. She had fallen several times in the last couple of months and sustained severe trauma to her brain. She never gave up the fight to get back on her feet, but her little body eventually succumbed to the irreversible damage.

Sylvia was born in Victoria, Texas to Morris Quinton Steed and Mary Elizabeth Clapp on January 22nd, 1942. She graduated from Baylor University at the age of 20 and started teaching school. After a couple of years in the classroom, she decided to go to Sam Houston State University to get her master's degree in library science. She became the librarian at Nederland High School and worked in the education field for 39 years. Although she was tough on her students, she knew that education was something that no one could take away from them. She wanted all of them to succeed in life, so they wouldn't have to struggle just to survive in this world.

Sylvia was an avid reader and had worn out several Nooks after she retired in 1999. Traveling to casinos and playing Pai Gow was one of her favorite pastimes. She especially liked traveling to Lake Tahoe and Coushatta.

Being an excellent cook was one of her many talents. Her favorite thing to bake was rum cakes in several different flavors. She would bake them for church bake sales, our doctors, friends, and anybody else that asked for one. And although most of the time her friends wanted to pay her for them, she would never accept their offer. It was her way of giving joy to others. If you had ever met Sylvia, you would know what a generous and elegant woman she was. Her thoughtfulness, kindness, and friendship were something that everyone who knew her admired. She was also a cat lover and made sure that the “step cats” of the neighborhood never went hungry or thirsty.

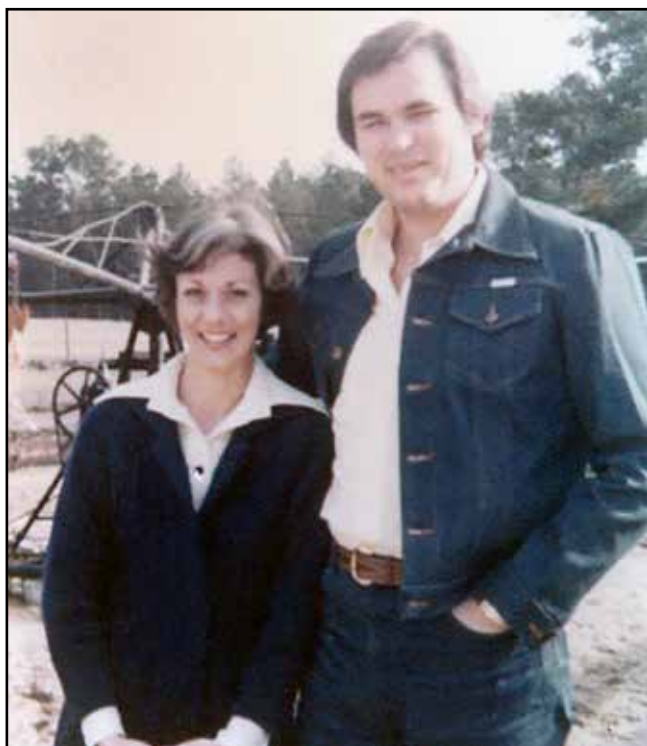
Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Mary Martha Steed; her husbands, Mike Burnfin and Jim Burnfin (cousins); father-in-law, John Cutaia; mothers-in-law, Margie Cutaia and Johnnie Garrison; sisters-in-law, Diana Cutaia, Andelene and husband, Kurt Rodrigue; nephew, Brandon Savoie; and many of her fur babies.

She is survived by her husband, Steve Cutaia; sisters-in-law, Betty Barnette, Janis Cutaia, Patti and husband, Tommy Martin, and Johnna Blunt; brothers-in-law, John Cutaia and Ronnie Peveto; nieces, Michele and husband, Jeff Bistany, Dana and husband, Matt Robinson, and Terra Cutaia; great nieces, Bianca Baughn, Jordana Bistany and Olivia Lezcano; great-great niece, Aria Taylor; great nephew, Hunter Robinson and wife, Kelsie; and fur babies Shelly, Benji, and Dusty.





















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Celebrant

Constantino Barrera
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Committal

Broussard's Crematorium
Beaumont, Texas

Inurnment

Oakbluff Memorial Park
Port Neches, Texas

Memorial Contributions

The Humane Society of Southeast Texas
2050 Spindletop Ave
Beaumont, Texas 77705

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Saint Catherine's Catholic Church
3706 Woodrow Drive
Port Arthur, Texas 77642



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