

# Carlo Joseph Busceme, Jr.

September 9, 1929 - January 4, 2024

### **Mass of Christian Burial**

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 11:00 a.m. St. Anne Catholic Church Beaumont, Texas

## **GATHERING RITE**

#### GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY

As a reminder of Carlo'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 25:6a, 7-9

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23

Response: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

Second Reading I John 3:1-2

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading John 14:1-6

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: "Lord, hear our prayer."

# **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation of the Gifts "The Servant Song"

Eucharistic Acclamations Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith Great Amen

Communion Rite The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace Lamb of God

Communion "Ave Verum Corpus"

Meditation

Prayer After Communion

## **FINAL COMMENDATION**

Invitation of Prayer

Song of Farewell:

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

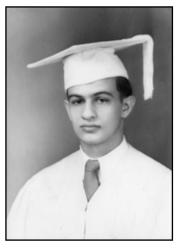
shine upon him.

ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.

Prayer of Commendation

PROCESSION TO PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Recessional "Songs of the Angels"



Carlo Joseph Busceme, Jr. was born on September 9, 1929, to Josephine Maniscalco Busceme and Carlo Joseph Busceme, Sr., the last in the family of six children. Even though there was a large range in age among the siblings, they were very close, especially in their adult years, spending a lot of their time together at Crystal Beach, Texas, and on their boats in Galveston Bay.

Carlo often spoke fondly of the little house on Pennsylvania Ave. where he grew up. Life was not always easy, they did not live

a life of plenty, but the love that came from that small abode was huge, encompassing all who came within. Carlo filled his heart with that love and spread it to all he encountered in his life.

He met the love of his life his freshman year at St. Anthony High School. Charlene Fertitta was the one he wanted to spend the rest of his life with, and he made that happen as soon as possible! After a slight detour to Louisiana to play baseball with his cousin, Frank Montalbano, he returned to Beaumont, began working for his soon-to-be father-in-law, Charles J. Fertitta, at Texas Coffee Company, and asked for Charlene's hand in marriage. They married on September 4, 1950, and by 1955, their home was filled with three little boys, Carlo III, Anthony, and Gregory. Five years later, along came the last, Jo Rita.

Carlo remained with Texas Coffee Company as a devoted employee, starting with sweeping the warehouse, as he liked to remind us. He used his wit and personality as a top-notch salesman and his management skills as plant manager. Carlo retired as President of the company in 1996.

Charlene may have been the love of his life, but the "B-Hive" was very dear to his heart! The beach cabin at Crystal Beach was a haven for him and for all who were lucky enough to spend time there before it was taken in Hurricane Ike. A fisherman from the moment he could hold a fishing pole, Carlo spent many weekends on Galveston Bay looking for that next school of specs! Beach time was family time and many years were spent enjoying this special place with his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends.

Life in a big family has its rewards and it has its trials. But Carlo faced all that life gave him with that special smile, unwavering faith, and his uncanny ability to tell a good joke. If he met you once, he never forgot your name. In his last years, he could pull up names of people that had crossed his path at any stage of his life. And he not only remembered the name, but he remembered the person as well.

Carlo relied on his Catholic faith and the peace that his beliefs gave him until the end. He grew up at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Beaumont and then became a member of St. Anne Church when he married Charlene. He was an active member of the parish, serving on the first Parish Council, and he was a daily Communicant until travel to the church became difficult. He supported St. Anne School and Msgr. Kelly High School as a parent and active participant in Booster Clubs and on the Kelly School Board. He was a member of the ACTS community of St. Anne Church, attending the first Men's ACTS Retreat in the diocese. He spent time as a scheduled adorer in the Adoration Chapel. He was a life-time member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 951, Fourth Degree. He and Charlene were honored as Knight and Lady of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher for the Catholic Church by the Pope.

We are indebted to the ladies who have been dad's constant companions and caretakers, Myra Hockless and Claudia Pena. Dad's last years were comfortable and full of laughter because of these ladies. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Carlo is survived by his sons, Anthony Busceme, Sr. and his wife, Karie, and Gregory Busceme, Sr. and his wife, Sheila; his daughter, Jo Rita Lyle, and her husband, Steve; his grandchildren, Carmen Busceme and her wife, Desiree Guillory; Anthony Busceme, Jr. and his wife, Tricia; Carla Busceme; Gregory Busceme, Jr. and his wife, Jessica; Carlo Busceme IV and his wife, Larena; Michael Lyle; Olivia King and her husband, James; and his great-grandchildren, Austin Busceme, Charlize Busceme, Gregory Busceme III, Benjamin Busceme, and Charles Busceme.

Carlo is preceded in death by his wife, Charlene, and his son, Carlo Busceme III.





















































Celebrant Reverend D. Stephen McCrate
Con-Celebrant Monsignor Salvador Culotta
Homilist Monsignor Michael Jamail
Placing of the Pall Mr. Busceme's Children
Gift Bearers Mr. Busceme's Grandchildren

Lector Carmen Busceme
Organist Dr. Scott Feldhausen
Cantor Debra Greschner

Pallbearers Edward Begnaud, Paul Begnaud, Raymond Begnaud

Mark Busceme, Sr., Michael Chirafis, Donald Fertitta

Joseph Fertitta, Jr., Andrew Fregia

Reception to follow immediately after in the parish hall

#### Interment

Magnolia Cemetery Beaumont, Texas

#### **Memorial Contributions**

St. Anne Catholic Church 2715 Calder Avenue Beaumont, Texas 77702

St. Anne Catholic School 375 North 11th Street Beaumont, Texas 77702

Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School 5950 Kelly Drive Beaumont, Texas 77707

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