

Wendy Ann Saldaña

September 25, 1956 - January 11, 2024

### **Mass of Christian Burial**

Saturday, January 20, 2024 10:30 a.m. St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Nederland, Texas

## **GATHERING RITE**

#### GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY

As a reminder of Wendy'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 Proverbs 31:29-31

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 John 14:1-6

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: "Lord, hear our prayer."

# **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation of the Gifts "I Can Only Imagine"

Eucharistic Acclamations Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith Great Amen

Communion Rite The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace Lamb of God

Communion "How Great Thou Art"

Meditation "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

**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 "Amazing Grace"



*Wendy Ann Saldaña*, 67, of Nederland, died Thursday, January 11, 2024, surrounded by family and friends. She was born September 25, 1956, in Port Arthur, to Marcelina Amelia DeLeon Montalvo and Mauricio Montalvo.

Wendy attended Port Arthur Independent Schools and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1975. She attended Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and was a founding member of the Building Fund Youth Group. This youth group raised money for building the current church.

She met her love, Michael Saldaña during this time, and they were married on August 18, 1978. They had one daughter, Amanda, and were married for 42 years when he passed away.

Wendy is the embodiment of a happy and beloved life. She had an infectious laugh. She and her husband love to travel and she was the

navigator. She always had the maps, and she knew the important stops, like restrooms, restaurants, and wineries, gently telling Michael, her pilot, "Turn here!" They travelled many miles and places together, sharing their travel knowledge with family and friends along the way. Important stuff, like the best cracklin's in Lake Charles, or the best Mexican food in Del Rio, or what to see in Fredericksburg. She loved going to movies, the theater, playing bunko and pokeno.

Wendy worked in various retail capacities, but her main role in life was a home maker. She was an excellent cook and seamstress. She sewed many costumes for the Mexican Heritage Folkloric Dancers and for her daughter and granddaughter as part of the Nederland Westernaires. She also supported many civic clubs and charities providing crafts or lending her talents to raffles, etc. She enjoyed supporting her grandchildren at baseball and dance and bringing them to explore museums and on other trips.

Wendy also gave her love and guidance while raising two generations of her family's children. She became "Nanny" to many of her nieces, nephews, cousins, and her grandchildren. She provided a solid foundation that "her children" have gained strength from as they have gone through their lives.

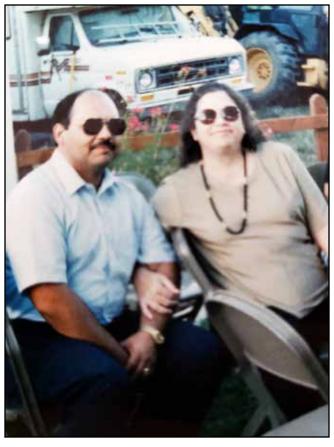
Survivors include her daughter, Amanda Nichols; grandchildren, Jackson Nichols and fiancé, Jasmine French, and Katelin Nichols; greatgrandbaby, Jameson Nichols; siblings, Lisa Bellow, Morris Montalvo and wife, Renee, and Freddie Montalvo and wife, Jan; sisters-in-law, Theresa Falcon and husband, Michael, Margarite Saldaña, and Martha Russell and husband, Billy; and brothers-in-law, Thomas Saldaña and wife, Chandra, Mark Saldaña and wife, Cindy, John Saldaña and husband, Marcel Vargas, and Stephen Saldaña and wife, Jessie.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Michael A. Saldaña; mother, Marcelina Amelia DeLeon Montalvo; father, Mauricio Montalvo; mother-in-law, Juanita Saldaña; and father-in-law, Louis Saldaña.

















































Celebrant Reverend D. Stephen McCrate Placing of the Pall Katelin Nichols, Lisa Bellow

Jasmine French, Margarite Saldaña

Gift Bearers Mia Moreno, Addie Matthews, Tiffany Lavendar

Lectors Maris Moreno, Tessa Brack

Andrea Saldaña

Cantor Denise Broussard Pianist Darla Lawless

Pallbearers Jackson Nichols, Freddie Montalvo

Morris Montalvo, Stephen Saldaña

Thomas Saldaña, Blake Bellow, Kirby Bellow

Lew Sheffield

Honorary Pallbearer Brandon Barbosa

#### Interment

Memory Gardens of Jefferson County Nederland, Texas

### **Memorial Contributions**

The University of Texas
MD Anderson Cancer Center Palliative Care
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Houston, Texas 77210-4486

