



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

Processional

“Come Follow Me”

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>“I Can Only Imagine”</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>“How Great Thou Art”</i>
Meditation	<i>“Somewhere Over the Rainbow”</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 COMMITMENT

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; great-grandbaby, 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.





















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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

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Interment

Memory Gardens of Jefferson County
Nederland, Texas

Memorial Contributions

The University of Texas
MD Anderson Cancer Center Palliative Care
P.O. Box 4486
Houston, Texas 77210-4486



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