



# *Bonnie Joann Vessel*

December 12, 1951 - March 7, 2024

**Mass of Christian Burial**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:00 a.m.

St. Anne Catholic Church

Beaumont, Texas

Processional

*“On Eagle’s Wings”*

## **GATHERING RITE**

### **GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY**

As a reminder of Bonnie’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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91

Response: *“God has put his angels in charge of you,  
to guard you in all your ways.”*

Second Reading

Romans 5:5-11

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts	<i>“Ave Maria”</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>“One Bread, One Body”</i>
Meditation	<i>“In The Garden”</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 *“Amazing Grace”*



**Bonnie Joann Vessel**, 72, of Beaumont, passed away peacefully at her home Thursday, March 7, 2024. She was born on December 12, 1951, in Beaumont, Texas, to Joanna Henley Schreve and Burke Anthony Schreve.

Survivors include: her daughter, Amanda Foust, a BISD 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Curriculum Writer, and Mentor; Son-in-Law, Matt Foust, a BISD Coach; Bonnie's Son, J. Anthony Vessel, Partner and Mediator at Law Offices of Marc Whitehead & Associates; and his wife Heidi Vessel, Strategic Account Manager of Mitrstech and Yoga

Instructor; and grandchildren, Nicholas Foust, 11<sup>th</sup> grade high honor student at Monsignor Kelly High Catholic High School, and Christopher Foust 6<sup>th</sup> grade high honor student St. Anne Catholic School; and her cousins, Randy Foret; Sandy Courts; Teresa Fagg; Linda Martin.

Bonnie is preceded in death by her great-grandfather, Francis K. Hoffman; parents, and her brother, John Schreve.

Bonnie was an incredibly loving and dedicated mother, friend, and grandmother. She was a proud educator, who began her career in the classroom, and rose to Director of Technology and Key Grant Writer for Beaumont ISD. Through her grant writing, she secured millions of dollars for her beloved school district. Sharing her love of education was among Bonnie's greatest virtues. She proudly held a BBA in Accounting, Bachelor of Education with a focus on technology, Master's in Mid-Management, and Master's level Principal Certification.

Bonnie had a servant's heart; she strongly believed in lifting others by serving and encouragement. Some of the organizations at which she served were Julie Rodger Gift of Life Program, St. Anne Catholic Church, and Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School. She focused her love particularly on the homeless population, her children recall many nights with her driving around giving out toiletries and blankets to those in need.

She was also a proud member of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Sierra Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, and the PEO Sisterhood. Bonnie was passionate about her family history. She personally researched her lineage back to the original thirteen colonies, the American Revolution, and even Europe in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

Bonnie's soul was full of adventure and energy. Some of her lifetime adventures included: parasailing, skydiving, skiing, scuba diving, traveling around the world, road trips, vacations with family, and socializing with her tight knit, yet, ever-expanding friend group and pranksters, "The Birthday Club."































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Celebrant	Reverend D. Stephen McCrate
Placing of the Pall	Deacon Kimble Nobles
Gift Bearer	Jeff Lancioni
Lectors	Ermelinda Nolan, Monica Cassidy, Geneva Peters
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Beth Jones
Organist	Dr. Scott Feldhausen
Cantor	Debra Greschner
Pallbearers	Matt Altemose, John Altemose Jeff Dixon, Britt Simoneaux Sky Barlow, Jeff Duncan

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**Interment**

Forest Lawn Memorial Park  
Beaumont, Texas

**Memorial Contributions**

Julie Rogers Gift of Life Program  
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Beaumont, Texas 77706

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Daughters of the American Revolution  
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Washington, D.C. 20006

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Sierra Club  
2101 Webster Street, Suite 1300  
Oakland, California, 94612

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



Please sign Ms. Vessel's guest book and share your memories at  
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