



Margaret O'Keefe Cartwright

February 4, 1960 - October 5, 2024

Mass of Christian Burial

Saturday, October 12, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

China, Texas

Processional

“Amazing Grace”

GATHERING RITE

GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY

As a reminder of Margaret’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

Romans 6:3-9

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

John 6:37-40

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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| Preparation of the Gifts | <i>“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”</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>“On Eagle’s Wings”</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 *“Song of the Angels”*



Margaret O’Keefe Cartwright, 64, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on October 5, 2024, in China, Texas, after a valiant fight against pancreatic cancer.

Margaret was born in Beaumont, Texas, the daughter of Elizabeth Anne Carroll and Arthur Kennedy O’Keefe, both deceased. She was raised in Beaumont, Texas, and China, Texas, and was an avid horsewoman, growing up competing in show jumping and raising thoroughbred horses with her mom and sisters.

Margaret studied Animal Science at Sam Houston State University and graduated from Lamar University with a degree in nursing. Margaret worked in various nursing roles throughout her career, including the ER, neuro ICU, and her eventual long-term calling of hospice care, bringing comfort and peace to many at the end of their earthly lives.

Anyone who knew Margaret knew of her incredible compassion, intense reverence for life, both for human as well as animals of all kinds, and an immense sense of fun and vigor for life. She adored life on the farm, from growing hay to raising cattle, and everything in between.

Margaret was fiercely loyal and dedicated to her family and friends, and especially to her two children: Katherine Elizabeth Ross and husband, Luke Ross of Orange, Texas, and Jesse Emmett Cartwright of China, Texas, both of whom survive her. She is also survived by her six siblings: Arthur K. O’Keefe, Jr. of Taylor, Texas; Michael C. O’Keefe of Austin, Texas; C. Richard O’Keefe of Henderson, Texas; James E. O’Keefe of Murchison, Texas; Carroll O’Keefe of Ben Wheeler, Texas; and Christine O’Keefe Poulton of Hartsburg, Missouri; and many nieces and nephews who cherished every moment learning to ride horses and learning everything about farm life during summers at the Horseshoe Trading Company. Her oldest sister, Emma Clare Flynn, preceded her in death in 2017.

The family would like to especially thank Lizzy Shaw of Sour Lake, Texas, for her tremendous support and love, as well as Stonewood Hospice, specifically John Toney and Dr. Kimberly Pitts, for the incredibly compassionate care and support they have provided to Margaret. And to all of Margaret’s friends and support network, thank you.





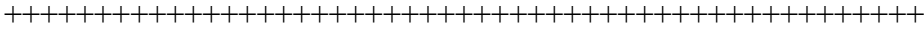




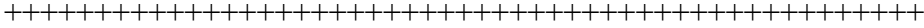








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| Celebrant | Reverend Monsignor Jeremiah J. McGrath |
| Placing of the Pall | Her Family |
| Gift Bearers | Jesse Cartwright and Katy Ross |
| Lectors | Kayo O’Keefe and Christine Weaver |
| Music Ministers | Roger Bemis and Justin Sanders |
| Pallbearers | Daryl Phelps, John Toney, Bubba Carney Dave Flynn, Carter Smith, Sam Martin Burtis Cartwright, Jr. |
| Honorary Pallbearers | Arthur O’Keefe, Michael O’Keefe Richard O’Keefe, Jim O’Keefe Punkee Schroeder, Jesse Cartwright Luke Ross, Colston Breaux, Mason Moss |



Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Sour Lake, Texas

*The Family invites you all to join them for a reception at
Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Parish Hall
210 West Barkley Street, Sour Lake*

Memorial Contributions

Catholic Charities
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Beaumont, Texas 77703



Stable-Spirit
295 Flamingo Street
Rose City, Texas 77662



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