



*Mary Elizabeth
McKinley Mendoza*

November 29, 1957 - December 14, 2024

Celebrating the Life of
Mary Elizabeth McKinley Mendoza

Saturday, December 21, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Broussard's Chapel
Beaumont, Texas
Reverend Ruby Nelson

Song: "*Dancing in the Sky*" by Micky

GREETING:

Friends, we have gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate the life of Mary Mendoza.

We come together in grief, acknowledging our human loss.

May God grant us grace that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, and in death resurrection.

PRAYER:

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear that we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Give to us now your grace, that as we shrink before the mystery of death, that we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are accomplished, enable us to die as those who go forth to live. In living and in dying, our life is in you. Nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us from your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Song: "*In the Garden*" by Alan Jackson

Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil. My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the house forever.

John 11:25-26a Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

MESSAGE

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

BENEDICTION: Go in peace.

Song: "*The Monkees*" by The Monkees



Mary Elizabeth McKinley Mendoza, 67, of Beaumont, died Saturday, December 14, 2024. She was born on November 29, 1957, in Beaumont to Lillian Menard and Joseph Wesley Faul, Sr.

Mary attended South Park High School and graduated in 1976. During her high school years, she was in the French and German club and started on the Sparkettes as a Sophomore and as a senior became an officer. She worked as a papergirl for the Beaumont Journal delivering the afternoon newspaper on her bicycle after school. Also, during her high school years is where she met her first husband Jackie McKinley.

Mary later had her son, Sean, and eventually met her second husband, Leon Mendoza, who also had a son named Leon. They blended the boys into a family and were married for 38 years before Leon's passing last year from cancer. Throughout their marriage they enjoyed many things together from riding their motorcycles to league bowling and dancing.

Mary became involved in the Boy Scouts of America when she enrolled her son Sean into the program as a cub scout. Before Sean earned his Eagle Scout rank, she began working at the Hearn Scout shop, later becoming the manager for the Three Rivers District. During this time she helped with numerous Cub Scout roundups, popcorn sales, camping trips, merit badge counseling and even running the trading post for the Scott Scout Ranch (formerly Camp Umland). She was also the head of the Eagle Scout review board which she got to do with her son and his wife the last few months. Before her retirement, Mary received the highest honors in the Three Rivers District by receiving the District of Merit award and also received the highest award from the National District as a Silver Beaver.



Survivors include her sons, Sean McKinley and his wife, Angela Elliott-McKinley, of Beaumont and Leon Mendoza, Jr. and his wife, Suzanne, of Granbury; grandchildren, Jacee Elliott, Christopher, Karrie, and Emma McKinley, Cheyenna, Sierra, and Mollie Mendoza, and Angel Jackson; and numerous great-grandchildren; and many friends and loved ones through the years.

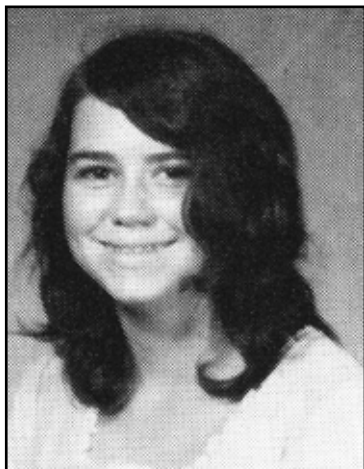
Mary is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Leon Mendoza.



Proverbs 31:31

*Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*





John 16:22

Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.



C. SPARKETTES — Front row: Gra-cia, Westerterp, Reyes, Lt. Bellard, Lt. Langston, Lt. Haynes, Cpt. Jenkins, Cpt. Runnels, Lt. Berthlot, Lt. Williams, Lt. Cassidy, Campbell, Myers. **Row 2:** Keneson, Faul, Rogers, Perrio, Pour-ner, Wilson, Murfl, Lockwood, Stern-berg, Kraemer. **Row 3:** Weitzel, Gentry, Evans, White, Johnson, Andrepont, Hanson, Waddell, Sells, Lockwood, Westman. **D. LEGISLATIVE OFF.**



Trying to get a kite up in the air is not all that easy as Freshmen Mary Bull and Mary Jo Keneson find out while trying to launch theirs in Alice Smith Park.

Sprawled out under the trees, the second-year German class and Mrs. Beatrice Buller (right below) enjoy the cool shade after the air conditioning broke down — again — for half a day.







Luke 6:21

Blessed are you who hunger now,

For you shall be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now,

For you shall laugh





Pallbearers

David Faul

Ricky Faul

Steve Faul

Brett Jackson, Jr.

Christopher McKinley

Eddie Holley

Honorary Pallbearer

Ronald Josey

Interment

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Beaumont, Texas

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Three Rivers Council

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