

Alfonso A. Wesar

“Little Al” is survived by his wife Feliciana, daughter Elizabeth “Liz” Frayre, son in law Rudy Frayre, grandchildren Tiffany Ritter, Elizabeth Victoria and Rudolph Wesar Frayre, Amanda Webb, great grandchildren Sophia Andrea and Mazdyn Rudolph Frayre, sister Marie Alaniz, numerous nieces and nephews, and of course, his cat “Blondie.”

“Little Al” was a jazz musician, a member of Musicians Protective Association of Dallas, Local 147 since the early 40’s, as well as a Goldsmith. His jewelry work lives on with many of you who knew him. Music was his life. His uncle Alfredo Casares taught him many things about music at an early age and was truly one who inspired his music career throughout his life. He played on recordings for The Light Crust Doughboys, Woody Herman, Paul Guerrero, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra under Anshel Brusilow in the 70’s and many others. During his lifetime, “Little Al” played numerous events in the area for local politicians, foreign dignitaries, actors, thugs, mugs and even future Presidents. A small man in stature, yet a giant of a man among the local professional musicians. His fondest memories were always of the working people he seemed to gravitate to at his gigs. The staff, the waiters, bus-boys and cooks were his kind of people. I can imagine he even talked a few of them out of a fresh cup of coffee and a desert. He was a quiet man and always put others before himself. As he would say if he were here with us now “Yea Man” I made the “Downbeat” for my last “Gig” and “I will not be late.”

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers a small donation be made to your favorite Animal Shelter, or animal protective service agency.

The family of Alfonso Wesar wish to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and many acts of kindness during this difficult time.

Immediately after the Mass, a funeral procession and graveside service will be held at Calvary Hill Cemetery, 3235 Lombardy, Dallas, TX 75220

A reception will be held at the home of:

*Jeff Popenoe and Matisse Martinez
3425 Northaven Rd
Dallas, TX 75229*

PALLBEARERS:

Joseph Medina
Luther Castro
Daniel Alaniz
Steven Alonzo

Rudolph W. Frayre
Paul Cervantes
John Henry Rodriguez
Robert Frayre, Sr.

*Programs provided by
St. Monica Parish community.*

Funeral Mass for Alfonso A. Wesar



December 12, 1926 - May 27, 2014

*June 2, 2014
St. Monica Church
Dallas, Texas*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

In the waters of Baptism, Al died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God of Day God of Darkness

Song # 859

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the firstfruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that through this mystery your servant Al, who has gone to his rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-9

Tiffany Ritter

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if in the eyes of men, indeed they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me;

He refreshes my soul.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley, I fear no evil.

For you are at my side with your rod and your staff

That give me courage.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.



SECOND READING

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

Michelle Medina Gonzales

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 11:17-27

HOMILY

Fr. Alan McDonald

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

Song # 783

COMMUNION HYMN

Gift of Finest Wheat

Song # 939

PRAYERS OF FINAL COMMENDATION

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Al, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Al in this life; they are a sign to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

On Eagle's Wings

Song # 690