

Ann D'Avignon

Mrs. D'Avignon was born December 6, 1920, in a farmhouse in Cass County near Linden, the youngest of 12 children born to Lewis and Inez Ham and survived to adulthood. She attended Centenary College of Louisiana in Shreveport and Southern Methodist University in Dallas. She married Roy Joseph D'Avignon on January 26, 1941, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Shreveport. She and her husband owned and operated Iron Craft Studio in Dallas, and after his death in 1979, she owned and operated a sewing business until she retired at age 85. The D'Avignon family was one of the founding families of St. Monica Church. Mrs. D'Avignon died of natural causes in Tyler on July 19, 2014.

Surviving are six children; Mary Theresa D'Avignon and Judith Ann D'Avignon of Dallas, David Lewis D'Avignon and his wife Marsha of Springtown, James H. D'Avignon and his wife Eileen of Tyler, John H. D'Avignon of Sulphur Springs, Roy Joseph D'Avignon II and his wife Tania of Newton, MA; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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

You are invited to visit with the family at lunch, which will be served in the St. Monica Family Center after the interment at Calvary Hill Cemetery.



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St. Monica Parish Community.*

Funeral Mass for Ann D'Avignon



December 6, 1920 - July 19, 2014

July 23, 2014

St. Monica Catholic Church

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, Ann died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Gather Us In

Song # 836

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have set a limit to this present life, so as to open up an entry into eternity, we humbly beseech you, that by the grace of your mercy you may command the name of your servant Ann to be inscribed in the book of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

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.**

Wisdom 3:1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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

Psalm 23

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Romans 6:3-10

GOSPEL

John 11:17-27

HOMILY

Fr. Stephen W. Bierschenk

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

Song # 637

COMMUNION HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

Song # 866

EULOGY

Joe D'Avignon

PRAYERS OF FINAL COMMENDATION

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

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

Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;

May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

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

Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

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

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Ann 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 sister forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Amazing Grace

Song # 650

