

Annie Byrd Goetz

Annie Byrd Goetz, Mom, Grandma, GrannyByrd & GiGi, Aunt Lu to her nieces and nephews and Annie Byrd to everyone, passed peacefully on Friday afternoon, January 24, 2014, attended by loving family.

Born Ann Luise Kornegay, 13th child of Roy & Teresa Kornegay, in Milam County, Texas on September 13, 1935. She was born into a family line of pioneering spirit, eighth generation of the Kornegay family who arrived in North Carolina in 1710, migrated to Alabama in the 1830's and finally settled in Milam County in the 1860's.

A resident of the Dallas area for almost 55 years, she was a pioneer in her own right. She founded the first Apartment Manager's Training School in Grand Prairie, blazed a path for women in marketing with several international manufacturers, started the first 24-hour Day Care Centers in Dallas County and was an early leader in the East Dallas redevelopment of the 1970's.

She is survived by four of her children: Roy J. Smith (Diane) of Naples, FL; Gretchen Goetz of Dallas; Rachel Deering (Milo) of Dallas; and Dylan Smith (Marjory) of Sanger, TX; eight grandchildren: Heather, Stacy, Corey, Dave, Scarlett, Savannah, Brittney & Christopher; seven great-grandchildren and her sole remaining sibling, Bill Kornegay (Ellen) of Garland, TX. She was preceded in death by her other son, Dan A. Smith, in 1995.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, remembrances be made in Annie Byrd's honor through the donation of a book to a children's library, a donation to 'Operation Smile', or to your favorite children's charity. Children were always the great joy in her life.

The family of Annie Byrd wish 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 service.



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St. Monica Parish Community.*

Memorial Service for Annie Byrd Goetz



September 13, 1935 - January 24, 2014

*January 29, 2014
St. Monica Catholic Church*

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 Annie 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

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

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 it 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. 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

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff,
my comfort and my hope.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

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

Mark 10:13-16

HOMILY

Fr. Stephen W. Bierschenk

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 Annie, 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 Annie 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

Sharifa Stevens

