

## *Susann Gonzales Longoria*

Susann Longoria was born to Charlie Gonzales and Susie Villareal on May 16, 1937. Preceded in death by her parents and her youngest son, Rudolph Christopher Longoria. Survived by her husband of 56 years, Rudy Longoria; son, Michael Longoria and wife Theresa of Atoka, OK, daughter-in-law, Dusty Longoria and sister Mary Helen Guerra and her husband, Richard. Four grandchildren: Jennifer Votion of Dixon, MO, Christopher Brian Longoria and Christopher Stephens Longoria of Dallas, TX, and Erica Eang and husband Kimsong Eang. Five great-grandchildren: Destiny, Dustin Jr. and Diamond Votion, Evan Fuentes and Kaija Eang, as well as numerous nephews and nieces.

Susann was employed by ARC Dallas for over 30 years and worked with children with Down Syndrome and learning disabilities. She retired in 2007. Susann was active at Our Lady of Perpetual Help where she was a member for 46 years. She served in various parish committees as well as city-wide community organizations. Susann served in the Dallas County grand jury and was an election clerk in her precinct for many years. She was a member of the Guadalupana Society for 27 years and served as president for two terms.

She will be remembered for her generous heart and beautiful spirit.

*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 for refreshments, which will be served in the St. Monica Family Center after the Mass.*



*Programs provided by  
St. Monica Parish Community.*

## *Funeral Mass for Susann Gonzales Longoria*



*May 16, 1937 - February 28, 2015*

*March 9, 2015  
St. Monica Catholic 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, Susann died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Resucitó*

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## OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have set 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 Susann 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

*Proverbs 31:10-31*

Jennifer Votion

*A reading from the Book of Proverbs*

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and makes cloth with skillful hands. Like merchant ships, she secures her provisions from afar. She rises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household. She picks out a field to purchase; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She is girt about with strength, and sturdy are her arms. She makes her own coverlets; fine linen and purple are her clothing. Her husband is prominent at the city gates as he sits with the elders of the land. She makes garments and sells them, and stocks the merchants with belts. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel. She watches the conduct of her household, and eats not her food in idleness. Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her: "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all." Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

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.**

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.**

## SECOND READING

*II Timothy 4:6-8*

Bessie Jo Morrison

*A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy*

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

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

## GOSPEL

*John 17:24-26*

## HOMILY

Fr. Stephen W. Bierschenk

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

Song # 578

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

## COMMUNION HYMN

*I Am the Bread of Life*

Song # 950

## EULOGY

Rene Castilla

## 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 Susann, 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 Susann 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

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

Song # 611

