



Thressa Agatha Heard

August 7, 1933 - June 3, 2014

Thressa Agatha Heard passed away Tuesday, June 3, 2014 in New Braunfels, TX.

On August 7, 1933 in Houston TX I was born to Mr. & Mrs. P.F. Heard. Three brothers preceded me. Jack and wife Faye had 7 children: Elaine, Jack, Bill (Debbie), Steve, Patrick, Joe (Kay), and Mary. Bill, a 1st Lt in the Marines was killed on Okinawa in 1945. Bob and wife Shirley had 6 children: Bob (Lisa), Kathy (Ronnie) Baker, Tim (Shana), Cindy, Michael (Cherie), Tom (Suzy). My cousins, Martha & Mac Goldsby and Eileen and Steve Evans have been close friends since childhood.

I began my work life with Humble Oil where I remained for 24 years. At age 43 I entered the Religious of the Cenacle. Eighteen of my twenty-five years as a Cenacle Sister were at the Houston Cenacle. Since 2005 I have lived in New Braunfels, TX. where it has been an honor to serve the Diocese of San Antonio as a spiritual director and supervisor for St Peter On The Water Spiritual Direction Institute.

I feel blessed to have had so much love and support from all of my family and friends and I want to thank all of you for being a unique part of my life. It is an honor and a privilege to call each of you friend and I ask that you now celebrate with me this next stage of my journey.

The Heard family will be present to receive friends Sunday, June 8, 2014 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM with a vigil beginning at 5:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. The Funeral Mass will commence Monday, June 9, 2014 at 10:30 AM at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 11720 Joan of Arc Dr., Houston, TX 77024. A reception will follow mass on the church grounds. Rite of Committal will follow the reception at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery, Houston, TX. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Cenacle Retreat House, 420 N Kirkwood, Houston TX, 77079 or St Peter On The Water, 234 Indian Creek RD, Ingram TX, 78025, attn. Fr. Mike.

Cemetery Details

Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery

6900 Lawndale
Houston, TX 77023

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Vigil Service

JUN 8. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUN 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church
11740 Joan Of Arc Drive
Houston, TX 77024

Reception

JUN 9. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church
11740 Joan Of Arc Drive
Houston, TX 77024

Tribute Wall



“ *Thressa Agatha Heard*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Thressa Agatha Heard*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Thressa Agatha Heard*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Thressa Agatha Heard*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Maribeth Goldsby purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thressa Agatha Heard.*



Maribeth Goldsby - June 07, 2014 at 02:02 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Mike Heard - June 06, 2014 at 07:34 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of *Thressa Agatha Heard*.



June 06, 2014 at 04:04 PM

KF

“ So many wonderful memories of Thressa have flooded my heart and mind these past two days. Of course many of those are of the times we had together while at the Cenacle - SDI days - my annual 10-day silent retreats with Thressa to be my guide - decorating for the Christmas Eve celebration there --- getting ready for Taize evenings - changing sheets and cleaning rooms when a massive rainstorm left LOTS of unexpected daytime guests who had to spend the night -- grief retreat weekends when Thressa welcomed our team with open arms and so much more !

But for me the two most poignant memories of Thressa happened when I saw her as I exited the sanctuary after Stephen's funeral mass. There she was waiting for me - ready to walk that very painful and very long journey with me over the next few years. I sat in that wonderful rocker across from her, in her office, and she held my pain and encouraged me to just let it come. She assured me that all of this was being held and that I was being loved all the way through the darkness. The second most poignant memory for me was of Thressa offering the "Eulogy" for my father-in-law whom she had not known. She had listened to the stories so well and captured his essence with great honesty and gentleness. John's whole family was so very touched by Thressa's presence and words. Thress had offered her very special gift of being real and authentic! It was more than enough.

Thressa I love you - I thank you - and I can only hope that I will be able to offer some small portion of the love you have given me to others. You are on a new journey now and what you have only known through faith is now yours to embrace face-to-face ! What rejoicing there must be among the communion of saints !
Khris Ford

khris Ford - June 05, 2014 at 06:58 PM

MP

“Provocateur” – “Evococateur” that was Thressa!

The experience of a spiritual direction session with Thressa was like that.

You didn't know if something was being “provoked” or “evoked!”

She had the ability, the skill, to ask a question that could lead to an entirely new and creative perspective about a particular issue.

She was a mentor, teacher, fellow seeker, companion and friend.

My life has been enriched beyond telling by her gentle, joy-filled and generous spirit.

She was, for me, “God-with-skin-on.”

Thank you Thressa.

Go now, my friend, to the full embrace of the God you served so well.

Marylin Pusanik

Marylin Pusanik - June 04, 2014 at 08:23 PM

BB

“Thressa Agatha Heard made a lasting impression the few times we spoke while I was facilitating a retreat at the Cenacle Center in Houston, TX. I remember, especially, her gratitude when I told her my calling was "to seek the seekers and bring them closer." She noted that Cenacles were often chided for "preaching to the choir," and she was glad that now she could tell people that the Cenacles were not "preaching to the choir" but, rather, bringing the seekers closer.

She lives in my heart and will live eternally in the hearts of all those she has touched.

I hope this poem may provide some comfort to all those who know and love Thressa:

Veiled Vibrations

*Veiled vibrations
barely separate
night from day,
life from death,
Hovering gently around us,
waiting,
until one day,
we cross over,
into their embrace,
and find eternity.*

from Face to Face

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Barbara Benjamin - June 04, 2014 at 06:04 PM