

WAKE SERVICE FOR DECEASED CDA MEMBER

LEADER: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: We invite all Catholic Daughters and all here present to remember in a special way our deceased member _____

Let us pray together Psalm 23.

ALL: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures He gives me repose. Beside restful waters He Leads me; He refreshes my soul. 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 gives me courage. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 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.

LEADER: We commend to you, O Lord, the life of your servant ____ who has left us and we ask you to hear our prayer on her behalf, so that she, who loved you in life and strove to keep true your word, may enter upon the reward that is promised to the just man, and share the victory of our brother Jesus Christ.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

ALL: And let perpetual shine upon her.

READER: In the book of Revelation, Chapter 7, verses 13-17, and Chapter 21, verses 4 and 5, God has revealed to us what shall come to pass - a revelation given to gladden the hearts of suffering Christians.

"Then one of the elders asked me, "Who are these people all dressed in white? And where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you should know better than I." He then told me, "These are the ones who have survived the great period of trial; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

"It was this that brought them before God's throne, day and night they minister to him in his temple; he who sits on the throne will give them shelter."

"Never again shall they know hunger or thirst, nor shall the sun or its heat beat down on them, for the Lamb on the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

"He shall wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out, or pain, for the former world has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said to me, "See, I make all things new!" Then he said, "Write these matters down, for the words are trustworthy and true!"

LEADER: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

LEADER: O Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: And let our cry come unto you.

LEADER: Let us pray. Most loving Lord Jesus Christ, You who have redeemed us by your most precious Blood, take pity on the soul of this your

servant____, open to her the gates of life and cause her to rejoice with Your saints in everlasting glory. Lead her into the lovely places of paradise that are forever green, so that she may live with You in undivided love, never to be separated from You and from those whom You have chosen.

ALL: For to those who have faith in You, Lord, life does not cease - it merely changes! And when our earthly dwelling falls to ruins, we find an eternal home in heaven.

LEADER: Come to her aid, O Saints of God, come forth to meet her, angels of the Lord, receiving her soul; presenting it to the Most High. May the angels lead her into Paradise. May Christ who has called you, now receive you and may you have rest everlasting.

ALL: For to those who have faith in You, Lord, life does not cease - it merely changes! And when our earthly dwelling falls to ruins, we find an eternal home in heaven.

LEADER: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

ALL: And let perpetual light shine upon her.

LEADER: May she rest in peace.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: I now call on all Catholic Daughters to get in line for the rose ceremony. Thank you.

After Mass, all Catholic Daughters will form an 'honor guard' outside of church for the final procession.