



## Ann Kathryn Cheatham

August 29, 1969 - November 28, 2022

Ann Kathryn Cheatham was born into a loving home on August 29, 1969 in Palatine, Illinois. She was the ninth child of John and Felicitas Cyboran. Ann's childhood was filled with life and love along with her three brothers and eight sisters.

When Ann was fourteen, she met a boy named Mike. Mike would go out of his way to walk her home from school (having to walk another mile after leaving Ann's house). Mike tried subtly many times to have Ann invite him into her home; however, Ann never invited Mike in as she was very shy and did not want the attention from her other siblings.

However, those walks home from school eventually became something more. Mike and Ann started dating in their junior year of high school on November 19, 1985 (37 years ago) and have been together ever since. They were happily married on July 12, 1991. Mike, freshly out of college, took a job in Nashville, Tennessee where the couple welcomed their daughter, Alexandra (30). A series of moves throughout the country followed as Mike and Ann began their family. Each move was accompanied by at least one new, cherished addition to the family. Molly (28) was born in Iowa, Michael (25) in Illinois, Jonathan (23) and Anna (20) in North Carolina, Celine (18) and

Anthony (14) in Illinois.

Mike and Ann eventually moved and settled in Houston, Texas. There, they welcomed the final addition to their family – their little Texan, Cecilia (10).

Throughout all of these years of travel and raising a family, Ann, in a patient and saintly manner, battled a number of chronic illnesses. However, these never dampened her love and devotion to her family, and she patiently offered every bit of it up. She was known for her poise, gentleness, and unending generosity.

Perhaps the most important aspect of Ann's life was not her husband or family, but her faith in God and His goodness. Ann had special devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux who practiced the idea that small acts of good, done with great love and dedicated to God, lead to great things. Ann embodied this idea, and it saturated her relationship with everyone she met – she truly treated everyone who crossed her path with love and patience.

Ann spent her life dedicated to her husband and her children. Her children are her greatest, most important legacy. It is a legacy that is just beginning, and it is a legacy that will take years to unfold as her young children and grandchildren grow into the men and women she and Mike raised and inspired them to be. Ann's faith, hope and charity will live on through her children and grandchildren.

Ann is survived by her husband, her children and their families: Alexandra

(husband Alexander and 4 children), Molly (husband John and their 3 children), Michael (wife Therese and 2 children), Jonathan (wife Julie and 1 child), Anna, Celine, Anthony, and Cecilia, her mother, Felicitas, and her eleven siblings Susan, Karen, Ellen, John, Sharon, Mary, Lisa, Steven, Janine, Michael, and Amy.

A Vigil for the Deceased and recitation of the Holy Rosary will be from 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m., with a eulogy by Michael T. Cheatham at 6:15 p.m. followed by a Visitation with the family from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2022 at the Church of the Annunciation, 1618 Texas Avenue, in Houston, Texas.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, December 3, 2022 also at the Church of the Annunciation.

The Rite of Committal will follow at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery in Dickinson, Texas.

# Tribute Wall

TB

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*Our daughter, Caroline, loved her friendship with Molly and Alex and we missed them so much after they moved.*

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*With Much Love -*

*Tim & Angie Bryant (and our gang!)*

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**Tim Bryant** - December 06, 2022 at 08:06 AM

LD

“ *Laurie Dixon lit a candle “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” Romans 15:13*

*Laurie Dixon & Mike Pettyjohn*



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**Laurie Dixon** - December 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Q: *What will you never forget about Ann?*

*A: I will never forget the day she showed up at my door when we experienced the loss of our youngest son. We had just moved to Texas and we didn't have any friends here yet. I barely knew her, in fact, I had just met her at a Mom's Night out, but she made me feel like I had known her my whole life. Her warmth, her genuine caring nature, and her calm spirit was such a great comfort to me and to my family in our greatest time of need. We would, of course, forge a friendship that I grew to treasure more and more each passing year. She truly is a friend of a lifetime! She will never be far from my heart and certainly not far from my mind.*

*I pray that her eternal light will shine down upon you all and lead you to closer to Christ each and every day.*

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**Wendy Shuff** - December 02, 2022 at 02:44 PM

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**Tim Bryant** - December 02, 2022 at 11:39 AM

SH

“ *We join you in celebrating the life of a wonderful and amazing woman while mourning her passing. We send to you our healing prayers and comforting hugs. Kaye and I feel blessed to have crossed paths and shared time with Ann and the whole Cheatham family. Please accept our heartfelt condolences, we are so sorry for your loss. Love, Steve & Kaye Huber*

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**Stephen Huber** - December 01, 2022 at 10:19 PM

BR

“ *Blaine E Rider lit a candle We met Ann at the Fullness of Truth conference with Kathryn Obrien. She reminded us of our Cajun roots in which there aren't any strangers and we felt like we had known her for years! She was so funny, vibrant, beautiful, and welcoming! I know that our children run in the same circle and we felt so blessed to have met this beautiful family, the Cheathams! Please know that this shocking news has deeply impacted our lives and we are in constant prayer for you all. We can't even imagine or pretend to know your pain but please never hesitate to reach out to us for anything. May our Lady wrap her mantle around your family and May God in his infinite wisdom bless and console your hearts. Briefly known but loved! The Riders*



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**Blaine E Rider** - December 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM