



*A Celebration
of
Life*



Alpha
July 2, 1953

Omega
May 14, 2004

Matthew Roy Castillo
"Matt"

Mass of Resurrection

Friday, May 21, 2004

11:00 A.M.

Notre Dame Catholic Church

240 Gary Street

St. Martinville, Louisiana

Rev. A. Arockiam, SVD



The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want...

Psalms 23

Matt's Gift

Matt had a simple gift of kindness, a way of being sensitive and sweet, a thoughtfulness and warm concern for others, that he gladly shared with anyone he met.

Matt had a lovely gift of caring, hours of quick, free generosity to share with everyone.

Matt had a gift of family love, filled with special ties secure and strong. He was a person that others always counted on to fill their world with love all their life long.

Thank you Matt for all those gifts that filled our lives. Perhaps our journey will be filled with all your kindness, sensitivity, thoughtfulness, warmth, care, and most of all love.



I'm Free



Don't grieve for me, for now I am free,

I'm following the path that God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call. I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play.

It's only for a while that we must part so bless the memories within your heart. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah yes, these things I too will miss. Be not burdened now with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full; I've savored much, good friends, good times and a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, do not lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heads and share with me, God called me home and He set me free.

Order of Service

Processional.....	"Just A Closer Walk With Thee".....	Lloyd Richard John Reedom
Opening Prayer.....		Celebrant
First Reading.....	Isaiah 25:6a,7-9.....	Arlene W. Nash
Responsorial Psalm.....	Psalms 23	
Second Reading.....	Romans 6:3-9.....	Kathleen Filer
Gospel and Homily.....		Celebrant
Prayer of the Faithful.....		Arlene W. Nash



Presentation of Gifts.....		Dominique Castillo
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Blake Castillo

Kristen Noel

Offertory Song.....	"His Eyes Is On The Sparrow".....	Syntara Garrick
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Communion Song.....		"Because He Lives"
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Obituary.....		Dawn Charles
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Meditation Song.....		"Wind Beneath My Wings"
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Tributes.....		Family Members
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"Matt's Gift"

"Cass"

"Hubby"

Closing Prayer.....		Celebrant
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Recessional.....		"May The Work I've Done"
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Interment

Queen of Peace Cemetery
St. Martinville, Louisiana



OBITUARY

"A precious one from us is gone; a voice we love is still; a place is vacant in our home which can never be filled. He is safe in the arms of Jesus, safe in His gentle breast. Thereby, his love ever shaded, sweetly his soul shall rest."

Matthew Roy Castillo was born on July 2, 1953, to the late Antoine and Lydia Honore Castillo. He departed this life on May 14, 2004. Matthew was united in marriage to Sylvia Durand Bergeron Castillo. Together they reared one son, Kendrick Bergeron. "Matt" as he was known to his family and friends was an inspiration to all he met.

Matthew was a member of Notre Dame Catholic Church in St. Martinville, Louisiana. He was the Recording Secretary of the Knights of Peter Claver Council #54. He was also a former Mason, Golden Key member, and lecturer at Notre Dame Catholic Church. Matthew graduated from New Iberia Senior High School, he attended Pratt Junior College in Pratt, Kansas and West Texas State University in San Marcus, Texas. Matthew was self-employed with Primerica Financial Services.

Memories are precious and Matt's are unique and filled with love. These cherished moments will forever remain in the hearts of his wife; Sylvia, his son; Kendrick James Bergeron, two brothers; Sylvester Honore of Vernon, Connecticut and Everette Castillo (Jeanette) of New Iberia, his god-parents; Russell Benoit of Loreauville and Catherine Joseph of New Iberia. Three aunts; Henrietta Guerin of New Orleans, Antoinette Johnny and Mary Margaret Francis of Loreauville and Curley and Frances Bernard (extended parents) of Broussard, Louisiana, and a host of uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends will truly miss Matthew Roy Castillo.

He is joined in glory with his beloved parents, grandparents and other relatives.



"Hubby"

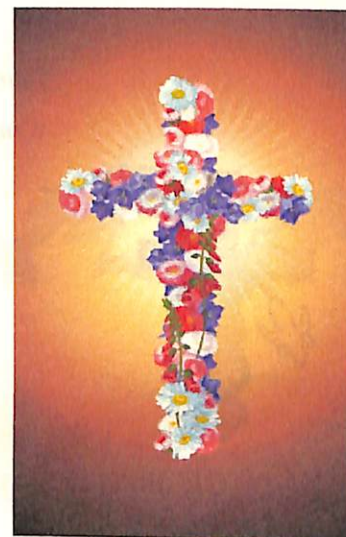
Oh Matt, you left me behind my darling! You know people say we are "always together." I know that God sometimes picks the beautiful flowers from His garden. This time, He picked you.

Matt, I just want to thank God for bringing you into my life when I needed a strong support the most. Thank you for helping me rear such a fine young man as our son, Kendrick. You were the foundation on which he has patterned his life.

Thank you for opening my eyes to the wonders of the world out there and for encouraging me to expand my horizons and not be afraid.

I believe that God has a plan and a purpose for each of us. He looked at you and said, "Well done, my son, now come home to rest." I will always love you, my darling. Rest in peace.

Your Wife,
Sylvia



Cass

Cass, Where do I begin? Just the other day I talked to you, you were seated in the din. I can not believe that I will never see you again, we use to laugh and crack jokes, you were my best friend. I really do not know how to deal with this, I am still in denial, I miss your presence, voice, and bright smile. You meant the world to me Daddy, how could you go so soon, but God picks his flowers when He is ready, not when they bloom.

I remember when you use to tell me..."Son, do what you have to do, to be where you want to be." I acted like I did not listen, but now I see.

It is so hard Cass, me and momma are trying to be strong, but all we have now are memories, now that your are gone. You are the only Dad I knew. I am so thankful that God chose you, to lead me, guide me, and see me through. If and when I have a son, I can only wish that I be as good as you. You taught me all the right things, Cass. I would not be the man I am without you.

Through rain, sleet, or snow, no matter the weather, always know that NO ONE could have done it better.

I Love You.

Your Son,
Ken



Here in the midst, of a lonely abyss, A single joy I find.,
your presence in my mind.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

During this trying hour the truth of friends has been one of sustaining elements. Your prayers have increased our faith, your words have encouraged our sad hearts, and your presence have given us an arm to lean on.

Your delicacies have helped us maintain our strength, the fragrance of flowers soothes our inner peace, the thought of every card added a touch of beauty to a setting that was full of gloom, and because you have shared the burden that seemed so heavy, it is much lighter now. Kenderick and I will always cherish the many acts of kindness we have received. May God continue to bless all of you.

The Castillo Family



Active Pallbearers

Joseph Berard

Alvin Dominique

James Johnny

Jason Noel

Raymond Noel

Triston Noel

Pius C. Willis

Carl P. Wineburg

Honorary Pallbearers

Knights of St. Peter Claver Council # 54

Russell Benoit

Kenderick J. Bergeron

Michael Bourda

Everette Castillo

Percy Charles

Eddie Francis

Sylvester Honure

Alcide Hypolite

Curley Hypolite

Simarlian Mitchell

Charles Wineburg



Arrangements Entrusted to:

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Repass:

Adam Carlson Park

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