

Catherine Schuster

Catherine Marie O'Grady Schuster, loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend left us on May 6, 2022, just months before her 95th birthday.

Catherine was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on August 12, 1927, to Eugene and Helen (Schroeder) O'Grady. Her father, Gene, moved from Oberlin, Kansas to Buenos Aires in the early 20's, joining his brother in business. Catherine was the oldest of the four siblings, followed by Helen, John, and Maureen. She shared many stories of growing up. She especially loved her summers at the family cabin in San Martin de los Andes, or on the beaches of Uruguay. She talked of flights with her father to the US in the early 30s, where her plane only flew in the day light and barely cleared the jungle trees. They played field hockey in the park by the river and attended American High School.

Catherine attended St Elizabeth college in New Jersey where she met lifelong friends. Her intellect and bi-lingual skills afforded her unique job opportunities. After returning to Buenos Aires, she worked at numerous jobs, finally ending in the US Embassy in Argentina in the USAF office of Air Attaché. It was at an American Embassy dance, in Buenos Aires, that she met Mike Schuster, a radio operator in the US Air Force. Catherine and Mike would eventually be married in Florida in 1961. The family moved between military bases over the years, but after a divorce in 1976, Catherine returned to Rapid City to raise her boys.

With the children grown, Catherine was able to resume her love of travel. Between annual visits to see grandchildren, Catherine's travel abroad took her to the UK, Ireland, Russia, New Zealand, Newfoundland and of course, trips back to her home country of Argentina. When in Rapid, the travel consisted of daily walks with friends through Meadowbrook and Canyon Lake parks.

Catherine was a petite, soft-spoken lady with the inner strength of a giant. She had a deep religious faith, a compassionate heart and was kind and generous to all she met.

Catherine is survived by her three children: John (Laurie); James (Beth); and Damien (Rebecca); 14 grandchildren; her sister Helen of San Mateo; her sister-in-law, Isabelle, and multiple cousins in Buenos Aires, New York and France and London. Catherine is preceded in death by her brother, John, and her sister Maureen.



Funeral Mass for

Catherine Marie Schuster

August 12, 1927 - May 6, 2022

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Rapid City, SD



God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Melissa Shreve



In loving Memory

Catherine Schuster

Funeral Mass

May 20 , 2022



Prelude.....How Great Thou Art
Processional.....Be Not Afraid
First ReadingWisdom 3, 1-6, 9
ResponsorialPsalms 25
Response: "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul"
Second Reading.....1 John 3:1-2
Gospel.....John 14:1-6
Preparation of the GiftsHail Mary, Gentle Woman
Communion Song.....Here I am Lord
Song of Farewell
Closing Hymn..... Let There Be Peace on Earth

You are all invited to a lunch in the hall following the ceremony.

*"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear."*

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