



## ROBERT WILLIAM “BOB” RIESS

Robert William “Bob” Riess, 88, of Austin, Texas passed away peacefully on April 4, 2020. He was born on July 5, 1931 to Carl Aaron Riess and Nellie Rebecca Riess (Sutton) in Austin. Bob graduated from Austin High School in 1949, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Bacteriology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1954 and a Master of Arts in Zoology from UT Austin in 1969. He was honorably discharged from the United States Naval Reserve as a Hospitalman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in 1964. Bob spent 40 years working as a research scientist at the University of Texas at Austin in the Department of Zoological Sciences before retiring in 1997. Bob’s specialty was performing research and teaching others in electron microscopy with emphasis in molecular biology.

Slight in stature but athletic, at UT Austin Bob was given the nickname “Mighty Mouse” as he lettered in cross country and track at UT in 1951 specializing as a 2-miler and participated as a member of the Wrestling Club in 1954. He continued his love of long distance running until a late age. Bob’s hobbies included collection of various Texas reptiles, creating a cactus garden, avid photography, and a love of the Texas Hill Country.

Bob attended St. Austin’s Catholic Church in Austin, Texas for over 78 years where he was proud to have served as an altar boy and later as collection leader and greeter.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Carl A. Riess and Nellie Rebecca Riess (Sutton). He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Margaret Cruz Riess, his daughter Diane Dawn Riess of Austin, his son R. Barrett Riess and wife Margaret Taylor Riess of Grapeland, Texas, granddaughters Tanja Lea Riess of Austin and Julie Michelle Riess of Houston, grandsons Adam Albert Riess of Chillicothe, Ohio and Cameron Scott Riess of Santa Ana, California, great granddaughters Samantha Lea Flinchum and Brenna Lea Riess Milan of Austin, and great-great grandson Henry William Flinchum of Austin.

A private burial service was held at the City Cemetery in Luling.

## OPENING RITE

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*Please stand.*

SIGN of the CROSS & GREETING

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

*Please be seated after the prayer.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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FIRST READING

Wisdom 4:7-14

But the righteous one, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding passes for gray hair, and an unsullied life is the attainment of old age. The one who pleased God was loved, living among sinners, was transported—Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the LORD, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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 sake. R/.

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows. R/.

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 give me courage. R/.

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. R/.

SECOND READING:

Romans 6:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

*Please stand*

GOSPEL

John 6:37-40

Jesus said to the crowds: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

HOMILY

PRAYER of the FAITHFUL

*All respond "Lord, hear our prayer" after each petition.*

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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Amen

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Our Father & Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*\*\*For the distribution of Holy Communion, those who are not Catholic, or for another reason, unable to receive communion, are invited to come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing\*\**

PRAYER After COMMUNION

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## CONCLUDING RITE

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FINAL BLESSING & DISMISSAL

