



Jacqueline Ann Houlihan

June 29, 1929 - May 6, 2013

Jacqueline Ann Houlihan, of Aubrey, TX, fortified with the Sacraments of the Holy Mother Church, beloved and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family, on May 6, 2013 at the age of 83. Jacqueline was born June 29, 1929 in St. Louis, MO. A member of St. James The Greater Parish, she was awarded an academic scholarship to St. Elizabeth's Academy after ranking 1st among 130 girls. In 1950, she married Robert James Houlihan, also a member of her parish, and moved to Dallas. Jacqueline's life revolved around her husband who was the love of her life, her family and home. Married for 62 years, she raised six children, often single handedly in the early years of her marriage as her husband's career involved extensive travel. Devout Catholics and founding members of St. Monica Parish in Dallas, the young couple established life-long friendships as their children grew up attending St. Monica Grade School and later Ursuline Academy and Jesuit College Preparatory School. During those years, her house was always filled with the excitement that comes with raising a large family. Jacqueline and Robert moved to Aubrey, TX, in 1984, joining St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Pilot Point, TX. Jacqueline loved the arts - especially literature, music, history and interior design. She was a voracious reader, who enjoyed reading the daily newspaper from front to back every morning. She instilled her passion for reading into all of her children with weekly trips to the local library. She was a gifted writer who loved nature, travel and her beloved animals.

Jacqueline is survived by her loving husband, Robert James Houlihan, son Robert J. Houlihan Jr. and his wife Barbara, daughter Deborah O'Connell and her husband Gerard, daughter Margaret Houlihan, daughter Karen Anton and her husband Philip, son Patrick Houlihan and his wife Patricia, son Michael Houlihan and his wife Marjorie, sisters Kathleen Murphy and Maureen McVey Bean, brother James McVey and his wife Catherine; grandchildren Laura Boring and her husband David, Lisa Weber, Robert Hatley, Shea Houlihan, Zachary Terry and his wife Haley, Kate Anton, Meghan Anton, Michael Hatley, Myria Houlihan-Boehm and her husband John, Daniel Hatley, Matthew Anton, Cara Houlihan, Michael Henry Houlihan, Kevin Houlihan; great-grandchildren Joshua, Emily and Abigail Boring, Reese and Olivia Terry and many much-loved nieces and nephews. Jacqueline was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Katherine McVey and sister Patricia McVey. Rosary will be Thursday, May 9, at 7 pm at Slay Memorial Funeral Home, 400 S Hwy 377, Aubrey, TX, 76227. Visitation will precede the recitation of the Rosary at 6 pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated the following morning at 11 am at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 400 St. Thomas Aquinas Ave, Pilot Point, TX, 76258 by Reverend Ralph Houlihan, S.J. and Reverend James Flynn. Please visit www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com if you wish to send a personal note to the Houlihan Family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

To send a flower arrangement to the family of Jacqueline Ann Houlihan, please click [here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

Tribute Wall

LE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you today as you honor the life of your most beloved Jackie. She has left you in body only as her warm spirit of love and hospitality will remain in the hearts of all who met her. Please accept our most heartfelt words of sympathy. God bless and keep you all. Frank and Laurie Engels

Laurie Engels - May 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Mike, I am so sorry for your loss. The rosary last night was a great tribute to your mom and family. The room was filled with love, and my prayers are with you all.

LeeAnna Schniebs - May 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We are so grateful that we had a chance to meet the Houlihan family. You all meant so much to our beloved Velisek family. The Clark family.

Sue Grumbine - May 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Bobby and Family, Our prayers and support are with you at this time with special emphasis for peace for Grumpy. Heaven has a new angel, one beautiful servant now returned to her Maker. with love, Kathy and Alan

May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Thoughts go out to the entire Houlihan clan. I always enjoyed being around Jackie. It is especially nice to think how she moved across the country and raised such a wonderful family. Tim RyanTim Ryan

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May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Michael, Thoughts and prayers to you and the family. Our generation was sure blessed with some great parents.

Mark Finn - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



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David White,

Dallas, Texas

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“ *All the best to the Houlihan family for many fond memories. Your devoted mom (and the best cook ever) is loved and will be missed by all of us friends of Michael's.*

May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Best mother-in-law ever. I will miss you!!!*

May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Houlihan family. Jackie was a wonderful, kind, beautiful, intelligent, thoughtful, caring person who will never be forgotten.*

Nancy Rantala - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *BOBBY AND FAMILY,MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES.YOUR MOM WAS ONE OF MY FAVORITE PEOPLE GROWING UP.SO KIND AND JUST A GREAT SPIRITED PERSON.MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.GOD LOVE HER.*

RENE MARTINEZ - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Deb, my thoughts are with you and your family. I wish for you some time to reflect, rest, time with the family there in Texas and of course Jerry's comfort & support. we all go through this differently, but I hope you have time to stand in the wind and look at the flowers of your childhood home. See you when you get back to Montana. hugs..*

Karen Pratt - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Bob and family, The Mustang SUD family extends our deepest thoughts and prayers to you for the loss of your wife and mother. May God, and all the Angels and Saints be with you during this time of grief.

Chris Boyd Mustang SUD - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dada, Thank you for loving me.

Joshua Boring - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ Bob and all your family, We are saddened at the passing of the great lady, and joyful at having had the opportunity to have known her. Please accept our condolences and know that our thoughts are with you all. Ed & Pat OConnell

Edmund OConnell - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM