

Celebration of Life



Ruby Faye Priest Wulf

January 28, 1935– June 16, 2026

Gathering Song Be Not Afraid
Clergy and Pall Bearers enter

The assembly stands as able.

Pastor Blessed be the God and Father
 of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy
 and the God of all consolation,
 who comforts us in all our sorrows
 so that we can comfort others in their sorrows
 with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
 we were baptized into his death.
 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,
 so that as Christ was raised from the dead
 by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.
 For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
 we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like
 his.

Greeting

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Let us pray.
 O God of grace and glory,
 we remember before you today our sister Ruby.
 We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love
 as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.
 In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.
 Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up
 in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your
 call, we are gathered to our heavenly home
 in the company of all your saints;
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

Words of Remembrance

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

⁹What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

¹¹He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. ¹⁴I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. ¹⁵That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

Leader Word of God. Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (Please join in reading the bold verses)

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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All Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able to receive the Holy Gospel.

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

JOHN 14:1-7

14¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the day In the Garden

Creed

Pastor Let us affirm the Christian faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the † life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Pastor Let us pray.
A brief silence is kept.

Pastor Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead.
God of mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Pastor Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Pastor Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Pastor God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Commendation

Pastor Let us commend Ruby to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant,

Ruby Faye Priest Wulf.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

All Amen.

Sending Song On Eagles Wings

Pastor Let us go forth in peace,
All in the name of Christ. Amen.

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Welcome to this worship service. *The Lutheran funeral service is a celebration of the promise of Christ given in holy baptism. In holy baptism God yokes us to Jesus Christ's death and resurrection giving the promise of the forgiveness of sin and eternal life to the baptized. The funeral service is thus a celebration and remembrance of baptism. Trusting in the promise God made in baptism, the church gathers to commend the deceased to God's eternal care. The service includes scripture readings that lift up the promise of eternal life as well as a thanksgiving for baptism and prayers of thanksgiving and for comfort. Worship as you are able and listen for the proclamation of the Good News given through Jesus Christ.*

Serving today:

Presiding Minister The Reverend Richard A. Rhoades,
Pastor of First Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Galveston, TX

Lector The Reverend Douglas Guthier
Retired Pastor of First Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Galveston, TX

Pallbearers Justin Hanssard, Ryan Wulf, Patrick Chapman,
Taylor Wulf, Aiden Hanssard, Carter Wulf,
Jeff Alessi and Mike Alessi.

*Ruby's Family thanks you for your kindness, prayers and support
during these days.*

*Following the conclusion of the graveside service, you are invited to a
gathering at the Remax Event Center, 12121 FM 1764, Santa Fe, to
fellowship with the family and friends and to remember Ruby.*



Ruby Priest Wulf, resident of Hitchcock, Texas for 81 years, passed from this life on June 16, 2026, at the age of 91 surrounded by her loving family. She was born January 28, 1935, in Franklin, Texas, to proud and loving parents, John Walton Priest and Mary Thomas Priest.

Ruby graduated Salutatorian from Hitchcock High School in 1953. In high school she played softball and competed in UIL Spelling contests where she received medals that are now proudly displayed in the Hitchcock Heritage Museum. After graduation, she met and married the love of her life, Henry, and from that 66-year union was blessed with three children, eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Ruby was a devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt and friend to many.

Ruby began her career at Southwestern Bell, later worked for the City of Hitchcock, and Nelson "Soup" Howard Insurance Agency. She was a former member of the Hitchcock Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and lifetime member of the VFW post 5400 Ladies Auxiliary. She is a member of First Lutheran Church in Galveston where she volunteered for the annual Oktoberfest, the Hitchcock Heritage Society, and the Hitchcock Chamber of Commerce where she volunteered in the office and continued to volunteer for the Good Ole Days. She was an avid fan of the Houston Astros, Houston Rockets, Santa Fe Indian Baseball, Miami Hurricanes, Houston Rockets, UT Longhorns, and Texas Tech Red Raiders. As a result of her participation in the City of Hitchcock and Hitchcock Chamber, she received the title of Woman of

the Year in 2010, and in 2022 she and with her husband, Henry, received Premier Citizen. In 2023, Ruby received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Hitchcock Education Foundation for her loving contributions to the school and community. She had a love and passion for serving others, but nothing was more important than her love for her husband and family. She enjoyed playing cards with friends and spending time attending events for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Henry Wulf, and brother, John Priest and brothers-in-law, Leslie Wulf, Louis Alessi, Jr., Freddie Obendorfer, Robert Vanzant, and a sister-in-law, Iris Alessi.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, daughter, Patti Hanssard, two sons, Ronnie Wulf (Kimberly); Jason Wulf (Tamara) sister, Betty Obendorfer, and sister-in-law, Shirley Vanzant, eight grandchildren, Justin Hanssard (Erica), Tamara Chapman (Patrick) Ryan Wulf (Natasha), Taylor Wulf (Ashley) Kayla Wulf (Kai), Carter Wulf, Lilly Wulf and Carter Robertson; ten great grandchildren, Aiden Hanssard, Lincoln Hanssard, Waylon Chapman, Rylee Chapman, Tenley Wulf, Ryker Wulf, Sawyer Wulf, Fallon Wulf, Ensley Wulf, Zander Gonzalez and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation is Monday, June 22, 2026, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Funeral Service is Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
Chapel of Crowder Funeral Home, Dickinson, Texas
Interment will follow at Hayes Grace Memorial Park, 10708 Hwy 6, Santa Fe, TX

Pastor Richard Rhoades and Pastor Doug Guthrie officiating.
Pallbearers are Justin Hanssard, Ryan Wulf, Patrick Chapman, Taylor Wulf, Aiden Hanssard, Carter Wulf, Jeff Alessi and Mike Alessi.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to All Care Home Health, Magnolia Hospice, and caregiver, Lynette Hessler, for their loving care.

Memorials may be made to First Lutheran Church, 2415 Avenue G, Galveston, TX 77550, or a charity of your choice.