



Joyce Ambuehl

Joyce was born May 23, 1947 to Ezell and Edward Colson in St. Petersburg, Florida where she spent her childhood with her three best friends and her cousins. She married Ralph Ambuehl on February 22, 1969. They moved to Gainesville, Florida and stayed there for three years while Ralph finished both his bachelors and masters degrees. They moved to Houston with their 18 month old son Robert in the spring of 1973. Joyce and Ralph set down their roots in Alief, Texas where they raised their three children. She worked in the Alief Independent School District for 18 years as a paraprofessional in a Special Education classroom with her best friend Sharon Thomas. During the summers, she worked tirelessly with physically handicapped children. She served as an officer and president of the Alief Paraprofessional Association. Later in life, she worked at the Fort Bend County Library in Richmond where she was able to share her passion for reading with her community. Joyce was committed to her Catholic faith and was active as a Eucharistic minister and a member of the RCIA team at St. Justin Martyr Church for almost 20 years. More recently she had served as a member of the ACTS Core Team and Pastoral Council. She is survived by her husband Ralph and their three children, Robert, Dawn, and Jean; her five grandchildren, Alexandra, Zachery, Anastasia, Maya, and Lila; as well as her brother John Colson. Edward Colson, Jr., her baby brother, preceded her in death 18 months ago. A Viewing & Funeral Vigil with the Rosary will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 from 4-8pm at Distinctive Life Chapel, 5455 Dashwood, Suite 100,

Bellaire, TX 77401. The vigil and rosary will begin at 6:45 PM. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, August 22, 2014 at 10:00am at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Community, 13350 Asford Point Dr., Houston, TX 77082 with burial to follow at Davis- Greenlawn Cemetery. There will be a reception following at approximately 1:30 PM at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Community.