EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER

JULY 10, 1921 - AUGUST 11, 2009
THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

PRELUDE
Traditional Irish Music

THE WELCOMING OF THE BODY OF EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH

THE SYMBOLS OF BAPTISM
Water and the White Garment of Christ

OPENING SONG
Joyful, Joyful Hymnal 555

WELCOME
Loretta Claiborne Welcomes and Introduces Eunice Kennedy Shriver at Notre Dame

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING
Isaiah 58:6-11
Linda Potter and Alina Shriver

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things.
Malissa Feruzzi Shriver and Arnold Schwarzenegger

SECOND READING
1 Corinthians 15:51-57
Jeanne Shriver

GOSPEL
Matthew 5:1-12

HOMILY
Father Richard N. Fragomeni

INTERCESSIONS
The Grandchildren of Eunice Kennedy Shriver:
Natasha, Rosemary, Katherine, Christopher, Teddy, Eunice, Chessy, Caroline, Joey
Response: God of love, receive our prayer!

OFFERTORY SONG
Amazing Grace

GIFT BEARERS
Christopher Schwarzenegger, Tommy Shriver and Natasha Lee

GREAT EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

GREAT AMEN

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

REFLECTION
Ave Maria...Franz Schubert

EULOGY
The Shriver Children

INCENSE AND FINAL COMMENDATION

RECESSIONAL SONGS
Oh When the Saints Song Sheet
Battle Hymn of the Republic Hymnal 602

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
HYANNIS, MASSACHUSETTS
HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE
THE LORD IS WITH THEE
BLESSED ART THOU AMONG WOMEN
AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB, JESUS
HOLY MARY
MOTHER OF GOD
PRAY FOR US SINNERS
NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH
AMEN
WHEN WE WAKE TOMORROW, LET US NOT FORGET THAT WE HAVE MILES TO GO TO OVERTURN THE PREJUDICE AND OPPRESSION FACING THE WORLD’S 180 MILLION CITIZENS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES. BUT WHAT JOY, FOR TOGETHER WE HAVE BEGUN.

MAY YOU EACH CONTINUE TO SPEND YOUR LIVES IN THIS NOBLE BATTLE.

MAY YOU OVERCOME IGNORANCE.

MAY YOU CHALLENGE INDIFFERENCE AT EVERY TURN.

AND MAY YOU FIND GREAT JOY IN THE NOONDAY LIGHT OF THE GREAT ATHLETES OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS!
MY FAMILY HAS BEEN MY CENTER.
MY FAMILY HAS BEEN MY SOURCE OF STRENGTH.
MY FAMILY IS MY JOY.
MY FAMILY IS WHAT GIVES ME HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

TODAY, WITH GREAT GRATITUDE TO ALL MY FAMILY AND TO GENERATIONS OF SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE LABORED HARD ON BEHALF OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR COUNTRY’S MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS, I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH ONE REQUEST:

I WANT TO ASK ALL OF YOU TO BELIEVE IN THE VALUE OF EVERY PERSON WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY. I WANT TO ASK THE SCIENTISTS HERE TO WORK TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE. I WANT TO ASK POLITICAL LEADERS HERE TO FINALLY GIVE THEM THEIR DUE AS CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY. I WANT TO ASK GOOD MEN AND WOMEN HERE TO OPEN YOUR FAMILIES, YOUR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS, YOUR SCHOOLS, YOUR BUSINESSES, YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS. OPEN THEM UP.

ONCE AND FOR ALL, OPEN THEM UP!
USHERS
Rosie Shriver  Katherine Schwarzenegger
Christina Schwarzenegger  Eunice Shriver
Chessy Shriver  Kathleen Shriver

PALLBEARERS
Sargent Shriver  Bobby Shriver  Maria Shriver
Timothy Shriver  Mark Shriver  Anthony Shriver
Timothy Shriver, Jr.  Teddy Shriver  Patrick Schwarzenegger
Sam Shriver

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Ethel Kennedy  Teddy Kennedy  Jean Kennedy Smith  Vicki Kennedy
Joan Kennedy  Dot Tubridy  Nancy Coleman  Tom Songster
Florence D’Urso  Carole Dell  Mickey Boutilier  Jay Emmerit
Bob Cooke  Rafer Johnson  Brad Blank

ALTAR SERVERS
Molly Shriver  Carolina Shriver  Caroline Shriver

GIFT BEARERS
Christopher Schwarzenegger  Tommy Shriver  Natasha Lee
THE RIGHT TO PLAY ON ANY PLAYING FIELD?
YOU HAVE EARNED IT.
THE RIGHT TO STUDY IN ANY SCHOOL?
YOU HAVE EARNED IT.
THE RIGHT TO HOLD A JOB?
YOU HAVE EARNED IT.
THE RIGHT TO BE ANYONE’S NEIGHBOR?
YOU HAVE EARNED IT.

EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER
1987 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD SUMMER GAMES, NOTRE DAME, INDIANA

EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER IS THE ONLY WOMAN TO HAVE HER PORTRAIT APPEAR, DURING HER LIFETIME, ON A U.S. COIN – THE 1995 COMMEMORATIVE SPECIAL OLYMPICS SILVER DOLLAR.