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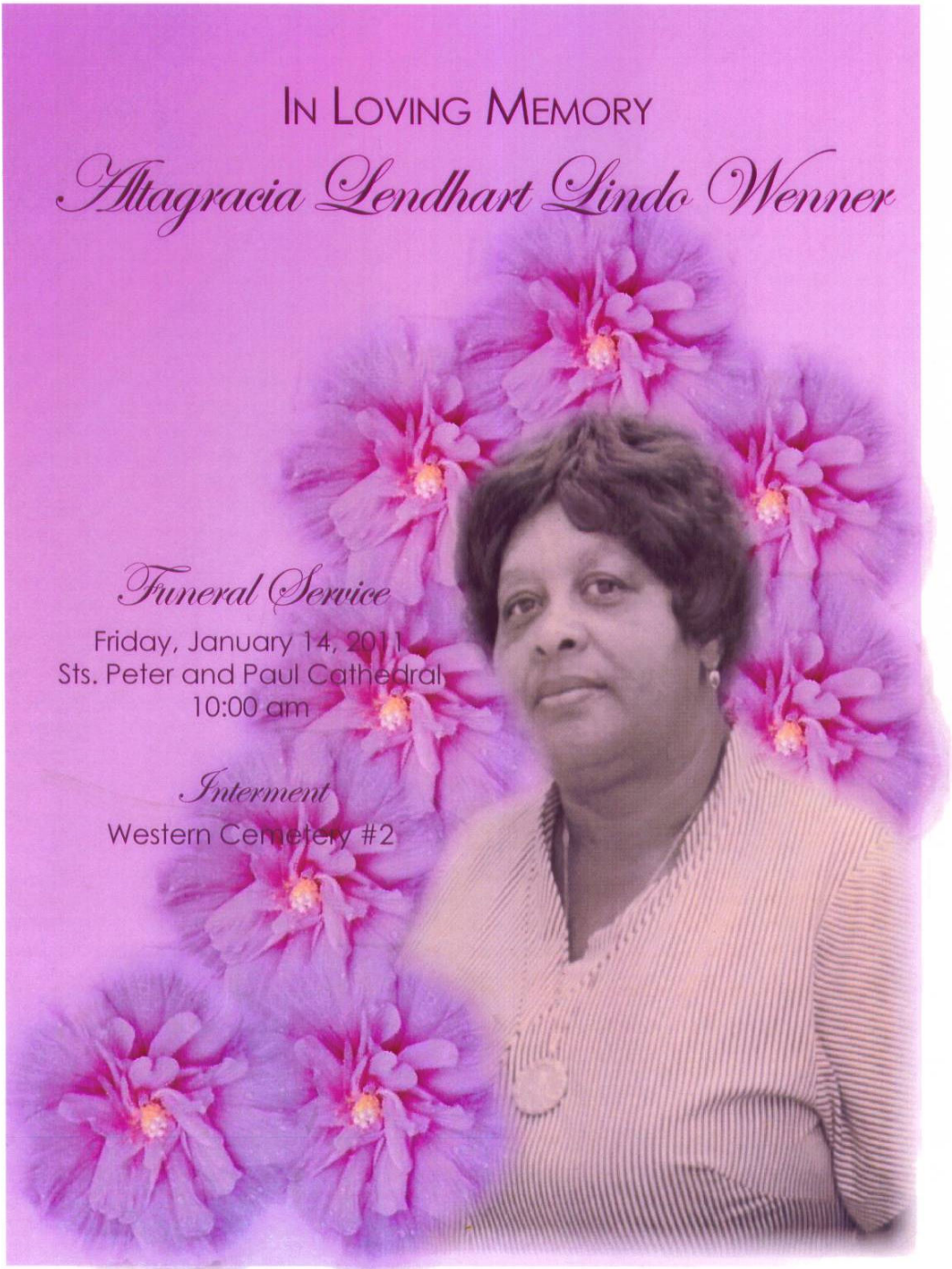
Attagracia Lendhart Lindo Wenner

Funeral Service

Friday, January 14, 2011
Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral
10:00 am

Interment

Western Cemetery #2



Eulogy

Altagracia Lendhart Lindo Wenner, better known as Gracie, was born in St. Thomas on August 20, 1927 to Lolita Alberta Dawson of Tortola and Elias Herman Lindo, born in Panama of a Crucian mother, Moriah Lendhart. She had one sister of the same union, Gloria Lindo, and five other siblings—Ernesto Vanterpool, Alfredo Vanterpool, Albert Abbott, and Vernon Dunlop. She was baptized at the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Cathedral and reared at the foot of Bluebeards Castle Hill. Her education consisted of attending Jefferson, Lincoln, and Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic elementary schools and Charlotte Amalie High School. Due to childhood illness her education was interrupted but she resumed studies and received her high school diploma in 1952. Upon completion of her schooling, she worked at Elverhoj, a store on the Main Street, as a seamstress in training.

On September 26, 1953, Gracie was united in marriage to Cecil A. Wenner at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. From that union one child was born—Mark Wenner. The marriage was to last 54 years, until Cecil passed in 2006. As a couple they were inseparable.

In the mid 1950's she became a kindergarten teacher and served in the Frenchtown Community public school for several years and then was transferred to Jane E. Tuitt School in Savan in the early 1960's. During this entire period as a kindergarten teacher, she took several correspondence courses from San German College in Puerto Rico now called InterAmerican University and "on island" college programs conducted by Hampton Institute and Catholic University of America to further her education. Additionally, she participated in various kindergarten school training seminars in Puerto Rico.

In 1965, she left Government employment and started a daycare center in Frenchtown, which she operated until 1967. In 1968, she joined Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School and served in a variety of capacities— office assistant, library aide, test proctor, substitute teacher, and religious counselor until 1980. She became revered as a teacher and mentor, known for her kindnesses, honesty, loving concern for all, jovialness, and numerous acts of charity.

She was named Mother of the School in the academic year 1977-78 by the student body and principal, Dr. Harold Haizlip. The Class of 1979, Sts. Peter and Paul, cited her as an Honorary Graduate of the Class.

Besides being an educator, Gracie was extremely civic minded and worked tirelessly to build community bonds and to attend social needs. In 1973, she donated a parcel of land in Frenchtown upon which the Frenchtown Community Center was built. After the center was built she remained close with the administration of the center and was always pleased that it was a place that youth could occupy themselves in constructive activities. Throughout her adult life she was a volunteer for the Catholic Church, an active choir member, and religiously visited the sick and dying.

In retirement, she assisted her husband in a hobby farm raising Nubian goats and Senepol cattle, mostly for exhibition in Agricultural Fairs. She also hosted altar servers' retreats at her home in Frydenhoj. For her many acts of charity and contributions to the greater St. Thomas community she was honored in 1981 as the Lion's Club Woman of the Year and recognized by Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cathedral at its Patronal Feast Day Celebration in 2007.

Gracie lived a long and productive life and touched many persons with her genuine kindness, boundless generosity, and ever present humor. May a merciful God grant her eternal rest.

Survivors

Son

Mark D. Wenner

Sister

Gloria Lindo

Brother

Ernesto Vanterpool

Sister-in-law

B. Emelda O'Reilly

Grandchildren

Alex Wenner, Lane Wenner, Mark Wenner Jr.

Nieces and Nephews

Aloma Abbott Blake, Allen Abbott, Milton Abbott, Ernesto Vanterpool Jr.,
Ife Vanterpool, Delma G. Hodge, Mariet O'Reilly, Avril Henneman,
Alex Al-Adil, Ruel O'Reilly

Special Cousins

Darwin Freeman and family, Benny Freeman and family, Winthrop Elskoe and family,
Arthur Niles and family, Sandra Lindo and family, Winston Wenner and family,
Humphrey Hermon and family

Special Acknowledgements

The immediate family would like to thank the following friends, neighbors, cousins,
doctors, and clergy who attended to Gracie during her declining years.

Caregivers

Juanita Johannes, Edithrose Jennings, Angelita Jennings, Audrey T. Smith,
Delma G. Hodge, Joy Shackleton, and Laverne McCurdy

Special Friends

Jane Johannes, Evelyn Aubain, Dr. Alfred Heath, Dr. David Weisher, Dr. Kidane Assefa,
Bishop Elliott G. Thomas, Monsignor Jerome Feudjio, Pastor Roy Blyden, Gwendolyn
Blyden, Pastor Edward Magras, Nancy Torres Watts, Noreen Cerge, Sandra Lindo,
Jane Gonzalez, Jackie Dennis, Marie Turbe, Rosie Torres, Gilbert Pinney, Jean Dragin,
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Peters, Darwin Freeman, Dexter Freeman, Wilma Monsanto,
Mary Jacobs, Darwin Newton Sr., Deacon Acosta, Steven Olive,
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Golden, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, John Williams,
and Stella Gimenez Saunders



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January 12, 2011

Dear Mark, Other Family Members, and Friends:

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I extend my heartfelt condolences on the passing of your beloved mother Altagracia.

Your mother was a pillar in the Frenchtown community and her contributions will be long remembered. Her generous donation of the land for the construction of our *Frenchtown Community Center* will forever live in her memory.

Ms. Wenner was my head start, kindergarten, and first-grade teacher. From those early days I knew was no ordinary woman. I knew she was special; would do great things and contribute to the betterment of this community.

On behalf of the Frenchtown Civic Organization, I offer our deepest sympathies. We pray that God will support you through this trying time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May she rest in peace.

Sincerely,

Henry Richardson
President

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