

Celebrating the Life
of
Cecile Olivia Moorehead



August 16, 1918

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December 25, 2008



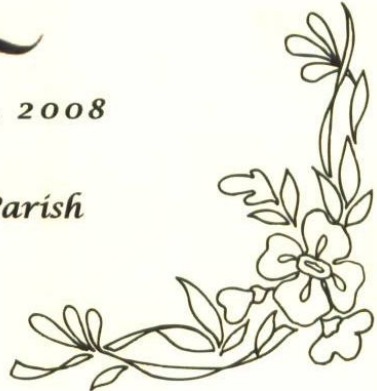
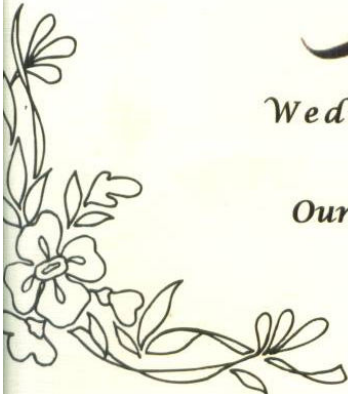
Wednesday, December 31, 2008

10:00 am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Interment

Mafolie Cemetery



The Family of Cecile O. Moorehead

HUSBAND

Leslie J. Moorehead

CHILDREN

Robert Moorehead, Roy Moorehead Sr., Ronald Moorehead and Carol Hymes

GRANDCHILDREN

Roy Moorehead Jr., Gregory Moorehead, Stacey Hymes-Strawder, Michèle Moorehead-Lee, Wayne Moorehead, James Hymes IV, Rochelle Bermudez, Stephanie Tyler, Joanne Moorehead Allen, Julian Moorehead, Valerie Moorehead and Ronald Moorehead Jr.

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

Christmas Day, Shenel Moorehead, Tianna Hunt, Ryan Strawder, Robyn Moorehead, LaTisha Moorehead, Brandyn Strawder, Ashli Strawder, Richard Hunt, Nadia Moorehead, Krystal Bermudez, Sydney Tyler, Alexander Norman, Alana Bermudez, Jordan Tyler, Indigo Hymes-Carlin and Sophia Moorehead

BROTHER & SISTER-IN-LAW

Leo & Carmen Sibilly

SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW

Clely & Paul Berry

DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW

Carlotta Moorehead, Charmaine Moorehead and Susan Moorehead

Many nieces, nephews and other relatives and special friends

PALLBEARERS

Leo Sibilly Jr., Joseph Sibilly Sr., Gregory Moorehead, Wayne Moorehead, Anibal Bermudez Jr., James Hymes IV, Julian Moorehead, Ronald Moorehead Jr.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Leo Sibilly Sr., Paul Berry, Robert Moorehead, Roy Moorehead Sr., Ronald Moorehead Sr., Preston Lee, Roy Moorehead Jr., Devin Strawder, Emery Tyler, Norman Allen

The Life of Cecile O. Moorehead



Cecile Olivia Sibilly was born August 16, 1918 on St Thomas. She was the second of seven children born to Jean Joseph Sibilly and Zulma Querrard Sibilly.

She attended elementary school at Mafolie Church, sixth through eighth grades at Catholic School, and graduated from Charlotte Amalie High School in 1936. After graduating, she worked with her father in the Sibilly Grocery Store. In 1940, she began her 40-year career as an educator when she accepted a position as a third grade teacher at George Washington School; now known as Evelyn Marcelli Elementary School.

On July 3, 1940, she married Leslie James Moorehead of St. Thomas. The following year, Cecile and Leslie had their first son, Robert Leslie, who was followed by Roy Leander in 1943, Ronald Lawrence in 1945, and finally a daughter, Carol Lorraine in 1946. While busy being a wife, mother and school teacher, Cecile also found time to take college courses through the Hampton-On-Island program, the New York University program and at the Catholic University of Ponce. In 1945, she was assigned to the Robert Herrick School; which was later renamed Joseph Sibilly School. She left the school for a brief period to receive her Bachelor of Arts degree from Inter-American University in Puerto Rico. Upon her return in 1963 she was promoted to principal, a post she held until her retirement in 1980.

Even after retiring, she spent many years continuing her love for teaching by tutoring and mentoring, writing pages of study lessons, editing essays, poems, and papers for many children in the family and community. People who have long known her all agree that she had an unswerving dedication as well as a tremendous, unmatched energy for the vocation she loved. She enjoyed teaching and guiding children, in the schoolhouse, classroom, her own makeshift kitchen classroom, or even having a lesson on the sidewalk when the need arose. She enjoyed traveling around the world with Grandpa and taking frequent trips to Puerto Rico to visit doctors and casinos with her sisters and anyone interested in keeping her company. At home, she enjoyed cooking and playing cards or Tripoley with family and friends.

She was a member of The Catholic Daughters of America, The League of Women Voters, and The Catholic School Board of Education as well as a founding member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 90 and the Sts. Peter and Paul School Association.

She was especially proud of her 68-year long marriage to Leslie. They made sure to do something special to celebrate every year. In her later years, especially as the matriarch of the Sibilly clan, Grandma and Grandpa surrounded themselves with their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends for milestone events and family celebrations.

Cecile, also known as Grandma, Auntie Cile, Bodine, or Bo, will be remembered by her countless relatives and friends for her delicious cakes, her love for and ability to speak four languages, as well as her uncanny knack for remembering numbers and her lottery ticket sales. Her tendency to be a vocal backseat driver despite never having driven a car, and for that matter, her ability to utilize any mode of transportation to get where she needed to go and her bawdy sense of humor will continue to incite laughter from all those who were lucky enough to hear or witness her antics firsthand.

She is preceded in death by her father and mother, Joseph and Zulma Sibilly, her brothers, Theophile and Edward, and her sisters Valentine and Elaine.