

In Loving Memory



Cyril T. Bryan

1928 - 1996

Funeral Service

Saturday, February 10, 1996

Viewing: 8:00 - 9:00 am

John Thomas Memorial Chapel

Service: 9:30 am

Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral

Interment at Western Cemetery No. 1

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands



Survivors

WIFE

Ann C. Bryan

DAUGHTER

Thelma B. Benjamin

GRANDCHILDREN

Brian, Ann-Marie and Cassandra Benjamin

SISTERS

Pauline Rogers and Marie Rojas

SISTER-IN-LAW

Diane Greaux

BROTHER-IN-LAW

Dean Greaux and Donald Greaux

GODMOTHER

Florina Olive

GODCHILDREN

Brenda Rivera, Pascal Simeon, Jr., Michael Williams, Jr.

SPECIAL FRIEND

William Gumbs

Many Nieces, Nephews, Relatives and Friends

Pallbearers

Raymond Victorine, Steve Magras, Frederick Larsen,
Michael Williams, Sr., Evans Petersen, Sr., Evans Petersen, Jr.,
Augusto Sanchez, Elvis Petersen

Honorary Pallbearers

Brian Benjamin, Father Ambrose Gumbs, Williams Gumbs,
Theodore Larsen, Elmo Francois, Guillaume Quetel, Calvin Hodge,
Leonard Bonelli, Emmett Petersen, Elbert Petersen, Allan Kilpatrick,
Andre Francois, Jeffrey Magras, Paulino Rojas, Jr., Harold Rojas,
Angel Rojas, Frank Francois, Sr., Frank Francois, Jr.,
John G. Greaux, Michael Greaux, George Larsen, Ludrick Larsen

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Cyril Bryan was born on February 1, 1928. He was the fourth child of Frederick and Octavie Bryan. His was a public education at the then Nisky School from which he graduated after the completion of sixth grade. On February 12, 1956, Cyril exchanged marriage vows with his long-time sweetheart, Ann Clarice Greaux at St. Anne's Chapel in Frenchtown. That union produced once child Thelma.

On December 7, 1950, Cyril began his career in the food and beverage industry at the then Hilton Hotel as a pot washer. He quickly gained promotions to the positions of Assistant Chef and Chef until he got his first break in the actual preparation and serving of foods. It was during these years that Cyril met and made many of his life-long friends.

His love for the kitchen grew stronger each day and soon he left the Hilton to assume the position of Chef at the then College of the Virgin Islands. Students and faculty at the college ate every day at the cafeteria knowing that "Frenchie" was cooking up his variety of delicious foods. That experience lasted some seven years. In February of 1969, Cyril's dream of venturing out on his own became reality when he formed the catering service known throughout the islands and in many Caribbean islands as "Frenchie's Catering." He left his mark on the industry while making a name for himself with such delicacies as: "Frenchie's BBQ chicken, potato stuffing, seasoned rice, and his mouth watering roast beef. Over the decades, Cyril Bryan, his wife Ann, daughter Thelma and his dedicated staff catered to countless private parties, receptions, open houses and tea parties. Of the thou-



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tering jobs, Cyril's most memorable were the open houses for VITELCO, The Daily News, The Senior Citizens Tea Party as well as at Black Tie Affairs at Fairchild's Castle and the Melchoir residence. "Frenchie" catered for Government House receptions under four governors: Paiewonky, Evans, King and Luis. Aside from these note-worthy events, Cyril provided catering services at literally hundreds of weddings, for the young, the middle aged and the not so young as well as at graduation parties.

He also took great pride in catering the receptions during the Ordination of priests and ministers throughout St. Thomas as well as at a number of functions at Emmaus House with Former Bishop Edward I. Harper and Anglican Bishop E. Don Taylor.

After several decades in the kitchen, Cyril was forced to shut down "Frenchie's Catering" due to illness. A determined man "Frenchie" was and true to his character, a year after the sudden closing, Cyril was back in the kitchen again with his catering service which was now renamed, "Bryan's Catering." He remained at the helm of his popular catering service for another seven years until his physicians advised him to retire because of his acute cardiac illness. During the final year of operation, Bryan's Catering provided the daily "meals on wheels" for the Senior Citizens of our community.

Although he spent much of his time in the kitchen with Ann at his side, Cyril did not neglect his family as he made time for his daughter Thelma and her children: Brian, Ann Marie and the apple of his eye, Cassie. A man with a generous heart Cyril was as he assisted family and neighbors in their time of need. He will long be remembered by his wife, daughter, grandchildren and other family members and by his countless friends.

Adevout Catholic, Cyril never shied away from serving his God. On any given Saturday evening or Sunday morning, Cyril was seated there in the third bench from the back of the church in the Cathedral's middle isle.

Aweek ago our beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend was called from this life to begin his eternal rest in the company of the angels and the saints. The sorrow we feel at knowing that Cyril will never be in our company again is eased by the knowledge that today "Frenchie" is seated at that "Grand Banquet" table being catered to rather than catering for.

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