

In Loving Memory Of



Edward Blaise Grin

October 26, 1914 - February 16, 2005

First Viewing

Thursday, February 24, 2005
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Davis Funeral Home Chapel

Second Viewing

Thursday, February 24, 2005
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
St. Anne's Chapel

Service

10:30 a.m.
St. Anne's Chapel

Interment

Western Cemetery #1



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"The highest reward for a person's toll is not what they get for it, but what they become by it.--John Ruskin

With a trademark Panama hat and a distinctive rapid, whippy stride, Edward Brin was a recognizable figure to many in St. Thomas' French community.

The longtime mason had a reputation for working hard and giving you his honest opinion on matters.

His love of his work can be seen in many of the homes that he and his friend, John Turbe, built around St. Thomas over the years. He often told jokes about the limited tools a mason carried but he took his work seriously and was a shrewd businessman. He was a traditionalist in many ways, even making his own concrete blocks from scratch. He was a lanky man with the kind of toughness and strength that comes from a lifetime spent working hard outdoors.

Edward was an earnest person, who enjoyed intensely discussing politics and other topical events, never shying away from a lively, spirited debate on matters of the day.

He migrated to St. Thomas from his home of St. Barths when he was 19. Edward worked on the Northside of St. Thomas for a number of years before returning to St. Barths for a time.

While on that island, he was drafted into the French Army. After completing his service, he returned to St. Barths and eventually St. Thomas.

Edward, known as "Papa" by all family members, married Ann Marie Aubin in 1937. The couple had seven children. He was preceded in death by his wife and a daughter, Elaine Ledee. He had a house in Frenchtown for many years and later constructed another in Estate Lindberg Bay.

After his retirement, he remained active caring for his wife, tending the many plants at the family homestead and doing the occasional odd job for family, friends and old clients. He also enjoyed fishing.

One of seven children, his parents were the late Nicholas Brin and Angelina Berry Brin of St. Barths.

Survivors

Sons

Denis Brin (Pembroke Pines, FL)
Alex Brin (Brooklyn, NY)
George Brin (California)

Daughters

Ruth Brin & Ginette Aubain (St. Thomas)
Lina Rodriguez (Brooklyn, NY)

Sons-In-Law

Joseph A. Aubain (St. Thomas)
Richard Rodriguez (Brooklyn, NY)

Daughters-In-Law

Teresa, Eloisa & Conchita Brin

Sister

Maguerite Brin (St. Barths)

Sister-In-Law

Delores Brin (St. Barths)

16 Grandchildren

20 Great Grandchildren

Numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends