

Gertrude Magras

JUNE 5, 1918 - DECEMBER 30, 2011



Viewing

Monday, January 9, 2012
Davis Funeral Home
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Funeral Service

Tuesday, January 10, 2012
St. Anne's Chapel
10:00 a.m.

Interment

Western Cemetery #3

Eulogy

Gentle yet strong; soft-hearted yet stubborn; friendly yet homely; dedicated yet easy going is how one would describe Gertrude Magras. Gertrude was the eldest of four siblings of Marcial Greaux and Elizabeth Eugenie Magras- Greaux. She was seen as the strong hold for her siblings: the late Marie Elizabeth "Lilies" Greaux- Danet, the late Eugene "Samson" Greaux, and Sylvia Olive.

Gertrude attended Sts. Peter and Paul School up until the 8th grade. She helped out her mother around the house and spent her free time cooking, sewing, plating straw, selling her wares at the Cooperative at Emancipation Garden, and swimming with her brother and sisters at Gregory East.

At the age of 21, she married Edward "Dwa- Dwa" Emilien Magras on February 12, 1939 at St. Anne Chapel. From this union of 65 years, came Clement "Tony" Magras, Franklin Magras, and Irene Richardson. Gertrude was a member of the St. Anne Society, the choir, and assisted in the cleaning of the church. She was dedicated to St. Anne. Throughout her daily routine and as she lay down to sleep at night you could hear her say, "Good St. Anne, pray for us."

Gertrude was truly a dedicated wife and mother. She worked diligently to ensure that her family had all that they needed. She had a routine for her cooking and cleaning - the house was mopped early in the morning, lunch by 11:30 (ask Jay and he can recite her full menu for the week), clothes washed on Thursdays, and dinner was ready by 4:00 pm. Homely and simple is how she liked it. The glass was always half full in her eyes. You could come to Gertrude with the worst news and she would shrug her shoulders and say, "wha you go do? That is just the way it is, it will all workout."

From a young age, Gertrude had issues with her eyes. In 1987, she was diagnosed with glaucoma and eventually became blind in her left eye. Though unfortunate, she still tried her best to stick to her routine. After retinal detachment surgery, she slowly lost her eye sight in her other eye. Gertrude was determined and strong and insisted on folding clothes, helping in the kitchen, and doing whatever she could. Her husband Edward, became her eyes, and lovingly supported her every need. Gertrude grieved after the passing of her beloved Edward in 2005 just before their 66th wedding anniversary.

In 2007, after her final surgery Gertrude began to suffer with the onset of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. This took a toll on the entire family, especially her daughter Irene who took care of her father and now her mother 24/7. Her brothers Tony and Frankie did all they could and provided the extra needed support. Irene, I'm sure will continue to hear her name being called for months to come. Gertrude suffered during past year as her family and the nurses of Continuum Care, Inc. did their best to make her comfortable. During the last few weeks, although she had refused to eat, she was still saying her Rosary, praying to Good Saint Anne, singing J'rai La Vour Un Jour, and enjoying her cup of vanilla ice cream - her favorite and final snack. Gertrude died peacefully in her sleep in the comfort of her own home with her family close by.

You may or may not see some of us shed a tear today, because we have reluctantly seen her suffer and we are comforted by the fact that she is in a better place with the Almighty. She will forever live in our hearts and minds. May She Rest In Peace.

Survivors

Sister.....Sylvia Olive
Sister-in-Law.....Dorothy Greaux
Sons.....Clement "Tony" Magras, Franklin Magras
Daughter.....Irene Richardson
Son-in-Law.....Henry Richardson
Daughter-in-Law.....Wanda Magras
God Child.....James Danet

Grandchildren

Geraldine Holland, Robert Picayo, Cindy Richardson, Jay Richardson, and Anjelica Magras

Great-Grandchildren

Joshua & Jaime Maldonado, Danäe Holland, C'Anne & Tyra Hunt, Jacob Richardson, Paige Christophers, and Adrian J. Picayo

Nephews

Patrick & Stanley Olive, James & Robert Danet, and Eugene Greaux, Jr.

Nieces

Judith Olive-Raimer & Sandy Greaux-Free

Special Friends

Beatrice Greaux, Cecil Greaux, Angie Quetel, Donna Greaux, Ireen Thomas, Beverly Magras, & Marianne Cariballo

Special Relatives

Valerie Danet, Deacon Clement Danet, James and Barbara Danet & family, Baptiste Greaux, Evelyn Aubain, Elvina Aubain, Virginia Aubain, Joseph Aubain, Patrick and Evelyn Olive, Ermin & Stanley Olive, Edwin & Aurea Olive, Gene & Vicki Greaux, Sandy & Phil Free, Marie Hunter, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cagna, Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Rodman, Gigi Quetel, Charlene Bryan, Judith & Larry Raimer, Barry & Simone Greaux, Don & Barbara Grannon, Agnes Reyes-Sibilly, & Pastor Edward F. Magras.

Many other friends and family too numerous to mention