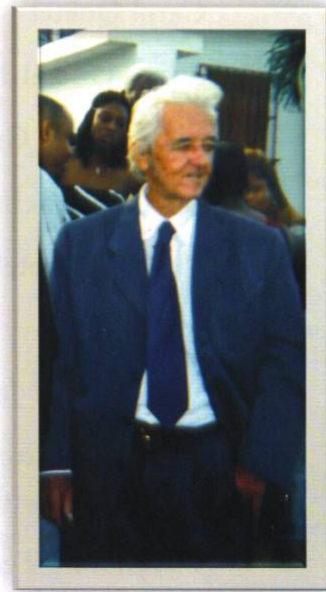


CELEBRATING A LIFE



HENRY "HANK" PAUL QUETEL

JANUARY 25, 1933 – MARCH 15, 2010

FUNERAL MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010

SAINTS PETER & PAUL CATHEDRAL

9:00 AM

INTERMENT

WESTERN CEMETERY NUMBER ONE

EULOGY

Henry "Hank" Quetel was born in the village of Frenchtown on the island of St. Thomas, U.S.V.I., on January 25, 1933 to Elizabeth Duzant and Frederick Quetel. Henry was the last of ten children. He joined the U.S. Army in 1955 and spent some of that time in Iceland. Upon his return to the island in 1957 he worked for Hoyt's Cabinet Shop for about five years, and then started his own business as a cabinet maker, known as Hank's Cabinet Services. Hank worked on many homes especially in Frenchtown, and businesses throughout the island. He also did work for St. Ann's Church. He was known for his beautiful cabinetry and carpenter skills wherever he went. Hank met his wife of 51 years, Carol, before he left St. Thomas for the Army. That love affair started all over again with his return. Their union brought forth three children: Susan, Michael, and Gregory.

Hank was very much involved with music. His love of the guitar and country music was one of his passions, and his favorite country singer was Hank Williams, Sr. He started a band by the name of "The Drifting Buckaroos" together with Pierre Ledee and Edwin Quetel; many others drifted in and played with the band along the way. Hank was the singer and lead guitarist. He wrote his own songs and the band played for many weddings and community functions. Hank also had a great love of the sea. He owned several boats over the years and he and his family and friends could be found over at Water Island on the weekends. Sometimes he would make trips to St. John and Lovango, his children thinking this was a great adventure.

Hank enjoyed being involved with the community and was a member of the Civil Defense, now known as VITEMA, for some thirty years or more, working under several directors. As a Sector Captain he received many awards and commendations, his specialty being sea rescue.

Everyone's eulogy begins with "born on such a date, and ends with Rest In Peace.

Between the lines are filled with memories and events of Hank's 77 years with us. I am sure everyone in this church can add special times they shared with Hank.

When I think of Hank, I think of Christopher Columbus and his three ships the Nina, the Pinto and the Santa Maria.

Hank three ships were Baby Boy, Moby Dick and the Infamous Sloop John B. Hank was the co-owner of the three ships, but Captain of all.

The Sloop John B was his favorite and the crew consisted of Pipe, Sukie, Quish, Pete, Moraco Joe, Pairso, Bing (Pastor Magras) Hank and myself and sometimes invited guests.

Being the youngest of them I was always charged with the responsibility to prepare the menu from Jack Shop the night before. Although we always had a solid menu of Stew Goat, Soupe, Chicken or Fry Fish, Hank always wanted some extra food in case we got stranded. (I don,t know how we would get stranded between Haulover and Water Island.) With Hank's Viterna experience this list always consisted of Pork & Beans, Vienna Sausage, Potted Meat, Box Cheese, French Bread and of course Schaefer Beer. One case of Schaefer Beer was drank before we passed Villa Olga point. We must have gotten stranded every Sunday, because I can't remember bringing back any of our emergency food. Of course the evening never ended without a visit and singing at Chato Blanc.

Hank's humor was extraordinary and those who encountered him usually walked away with a smile on their face. The many gatherings at "El Rancho Hanko" were renowned. He will surely be missed by all.

Rest In Peace, Cowboy.

SURVIVORS

Wife:	Carol Quetel
Daughter:	Susan Quetel-Britton
Sons:	Michael and Gregory Quetel
Sisters:	Agatha Blanchard, Elizabeth Aubain
Daughter-in-law:	Rashida Quetel
Former Daughter-in-law:	Inez Quetel
Sister-in-law:	Elise "Susie" Jensen
Grandchildren:	Jason Britton, Dave Prentice, Michelle Quetel and Danielle Quetel
Nephews:	Theodore "Teddy" Aubain, Albert Quetel, Edwin Quetel, Antonio Quetel, Harry Quetel, Ralph Blanchard, Juan Cruz, Thomas Cruz, Eddie Cruz, Gerardo Blanchard, Alberto Mercado, Dominic Aubain
Nieces:	Emma Greaux, Joan Andrusko, Doris Sewell, Elizabeth Quetel, Enieda Estrella, Virginia Danet, Gloria Turbe, Noreen Aubain, Marie Magras, Beatrice Andrion, Isabelle Cruz, Norma Cruz, Nilsa Cruz
Special Cousins:	Ann Marie Danet, Bruno Magras (of St. Barth's), Pierre Ledee
Godfather:	Adolf Bernier (of St. Barth's)