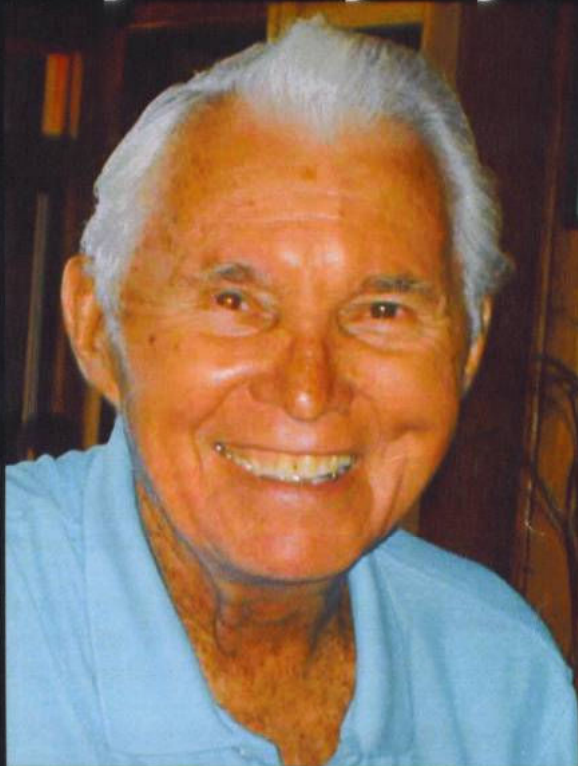


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*A loving celebration
of the life of*



Jean Louis Greaux

October 23, 1929 - August 25, 2011

"Long John"

Funeral Mass

Wednesday September 28, 2011 @ 7:00 pm

*St. Anne's Chapel
Frenchtown, Charollte Amalie
St Thomas, USVI*

Survivors

Wife (deceased)
Agnes Marie Ledee Greaux

Sisters
(Deceased)
Clementine
Elvina
Julie
Bernadette

(Living)
Beatrice "Tris" Greaux

Sister-in-law
Valerie Danet

Son and Daughter-in-law
Barry and Simone Greaux

Daughter and Son-in-law
Barbara and Don Grannan

Grandsons
Christopher Greaux
Michael Laurencelle
Jonathan Greaux
Jason Laurencelle

Great-grandchildren
Alexander Laurencelle
Christian Laurencelle
Elizabeth Laurencelle
Brianna Greaux
Kenslee Jayde Greaux

Many friends & relatives in St Thomas & Florida

Eulogy

Jean Louis Greaux, affectionately known as "John" or "Johnny" was born on October 23, 1929 to Louis Greaux and Philomine Magras in Frenchtown on the beautiful island of St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. He was the youngest of six children and the only son. Being the youngest was spoiled by his sisters Clementine, Elvina, Julie, Bernadette (all deceased) and Beatrice who is known as "Tris."

At a very young age, since John was tall and handsome, he decided to leave home and be adventurous. His sister Julie lived in New York with her husband Butch, so he went there to be with them. While in New York he worked at the Park Sheraton hotel as a bellhop and at a book bindery company. While there he decided to enlist in the Merchant Marines where he served as a cook aboard ship. John travelled many places. John returned to St. Thomas when he was notified that his mother had become ill and he was needed at home.

Upon returning to St. Thomas he fell in love with his next door neighbor Agnes. He married Agnes Marie Ledee and celebrated "island style" for one solid week after their wedding day. They then lived in their first home close to John's sister, Elvina. Time moved quickly as they started their family with the birth of their son, Barry. John's aunt, known as "Noonoo" was a midwife and delivered Barry in her home. John answered the call to service once again and joined the Marines towards the end of the Korean conflict. John was in the Third Marine Airwing and was stationed in Opalocka, Florida. Agnes and Barry lived there with him until they returned to St Thomas. The conflict ended without John being deployed. He was discharged and returned to St Thomas to be close to their family. A year and a half after Barry's birth another child was born, a daughter named Barbara, at the first hospital on St. Thomas.

Sunday beach parties became a tradition for John, Agnes and their family. Friends, family, dominoes, hammocks, delicious island dishes, calypso music were part of their lives as well as spending time at church and being part of the community.

John loved to cook. He loved his job working with master chefs at the VI Hilton. John also enjoyed being a volunteer at St. Ann Church on St. Thomas and at several community centers. After moving to Florida he suddenly lost his bride Agnes in a car accident. Eventually he shared a house with his daughter and son-in-law where he continued to cook delicious meals for them and their extended family. He had an active service and social life volunteering at several centers but mainly at the Christian Sharing Center in Longwood, Florida. He also participated with a senior singing group known as the "Off-Key Crooners." He loved making funny faces and making people laugh while performing at nursing and assistive living homes. His social life had him dancing up a storm upto 3 times a week.

John loved his grandkids and great-grandkids and believed strongly in praying for them to love and have a closer relationship with their Lord. In John's later years he devoted his life to prayer, saying multiple rosaries and watching EWTN Catholic broadcasting on TV.

John will truly be missed by not only his immediate and extended family, but by his many friends as well. John, we love you and are comforted knowing that you are where you want to be, with your Lord and Savior and loving wife Agnes.

May the Lord and His Blessed Mother, Mary grant you rest and peace.