

Lena Ann Greaves

AUGUST 28, 1929 ~ MAY 23, 2010



SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010 ~ 9:00 A.M. ST. ANNE'S CHAPEL
INTERMENT: WESTERN CEMETERY

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It is with a deep sense of sadness that we are gathered today to pay tribute and say good-bye to our loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

Lena Greaux was the oldest of eight children born to Gustave and Nulcia Quetel. Growing up in the '30s was difficult and challenging and, being the oldest, much was expected from Lena. She was charged with many household chores in addition to helping to care for her younger siblings. What little free time she had was spent doing straw work to help the family make ends meet.

She attended Sts. Peter and Paul School until the eighth grade but could not further her education because she was needed at home. Lena married the love of her life, Sebastien Greaux, on August 5, 1951. This union blessed them with two children, Lorraine and Stanley. She devoted her entire life to caring for her husband and children and spent countless hours caring for her mother as she aged and became ill. The self-sacrifice we witnessed in Lena was an inspiration to all who knew her. As soon as she saw a need, she was ever so willing to offer a helping hand. She always amazed us with her ability to accomplish so much in such a caring and dedicated manner.

Lena has known the pain of separation from her loved ones over the years. In addition to the loss of her parents and her uncle, Amor, she said farewell to four of her sisters – Juliana, Rita, Eleanor and Lydia and Ralph, her brother. Nothing came close to the suffering and devastating loss she experienced, however, when her beloved husband, Bastien, was suddenly taken from her in 2002. Her life was forever changed and the void that was left was overwhelming. Yet, Lena did not give up. She found strength from her unwavering faith and from her family and many friends who willingly offered encouragement and consoling words to help her face the uncertainties of each new day.

The next eight years of her life were very challenging, but Lena directed her attention to her children and grandchildren. She channelled her time and energy into turning her hobby of cake baking into a little business which, not only helped her financially, but also provided her with therapy as she focused on pleasing her many customers. She took great pride in making each and every cake special.

The final three days of Lena's life stunned and surprised us. She suffered a heart attack at her home and had to be flown to St. Croix to receive the necessary treatment. She was well on her way towards a full recovery, but Jesus had other plans for her. He extended His hand to her on Pentecost Sunday and showed her a better place, free from pain and suffering. Without hesitation, Lena took His hand and left us. Our hearts are breaking with the sudden loss of our dear mother and grandmother but we are consoled knowing that she is happy to be in the presence of her Lord and reunited once again with her husband and family.

Rest in peace, Lena, until the day when we will all be together again.



Survivors

Son: Stanley Greaux

Daughter: Lorraine Turbe

Sister: Lillian Magras

Brothers: Edwin Quetel, Rene Quetel, Axel Magras, Augustin Quetel

Son-in-Law: Jean Turbe

Daughter-in-Law: Kathryn Greaux

Grandchildren: Shannon Greaux, Lisette Renfroe, Nathan Greaux, Nicholas Greaux, Melissa Greaux, Janine Turbe, Michael Turbe, Daniel Turbe

Great Grandchildren: Alexandra Greaux, Andreas Renfroe, Avery Renfroe, Amaya Renfroe, Lillian Greaux, Colin Greaux, Matthew Greaux

Sisters-in-Law: Cecilia M. Quetel, Elizabeth Quetel, Priscilla Quetel, Marie Magras, Florence Quetel

Brother-in Law: Clement "Tony" Magras

Godchildren: Rene Quetel, Geraldine Holland and Jean P. Greaux, Jr.

Step Grandchildren: Keith Hoffman and Tricia Rester

Step Great Grandchildren: Jenna Hoffman, Katrina Hoffman, Halie Hoffman and Robert Rester III

Many nieces and nephews

PALLBEARERS

Shannon Greaux, Patrick Greaux, Steven J. Magras, Matthew Quetel, Christopher E. Quetel, Jerry Quetel

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Edwin Quetel, Rene Quetel, Axel Magras, Augustin Quetel, Clement "Tony" Magras, Jean P. Greaux, Jr., Michael Greaux, John Greaux, Jeffrey Magras, Robert Picayo, Jason Quetel, Mark Quetel, Dr. Lawrence Magras, Denis Magras, Ernest Quetel, Jim Quetel, Nathan Greaux, Nicholas Greaux, Michael Turbe and Daniel Turbe

