

In Loving Memory



Marie Julienne Greaux
"Juliana - The Cake Lady"

Sunrise: September 21, 1927 ~ Sunset: April 1, 2007

Funeral Service

Wednesday, April 18, 2007
St. Anne's Chapel ~ Frenchtown
10:00 a.m.

1st Viewing

Davis Funeral Home
Tuesday, April 17, 2007 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

2nd Viewing

St. Anne's Chapel
Wednesday, April 18, 2007 - 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Interment

Western Cemetery #2

Eulogy

Marie Julienne Greaux, affectionately known as Juliana to her friends and "the Cake Lady" to her customers, was born on September 21, 1927 to the late Gustave Quetel & Ophelia Quetel Magras in Frenchtown. She was the eldest of fifteen brothers and sisters.

Marie left school at a young, tender age to care for her ailing mother and siblings. It was during this difficult time, she learned the responsibility of being an adult through doing domestic chores for various residents of the French village. These tasks she completed whole-heartedly and lovingly knowing they were her first steps to make her the woman she was to become. It was during this time she met her one and only love. The courtship began over a bag of peanuts under the mango tree.

On January 8, 1950, she happily married Louis Leopold Greaux at the Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral. This union brought forth a family of twelve children, of which eight are alive today. With such a large, young family, money was extremely tight, so Marie began to launder clothes for as many as fifteen people at one time. This helped in providing for her children and to take on the task of expanding the house for the growing family.

Due to the numerous and tedious hours of washing and ironing that would often take her into the late night, Marie began to experience problems with her feet. It was during that time, her aunt gave her and her sister, Lena, a cake recipe and told them to perfect it and make a living from it. Marie tested and practiced and perfected the recipe fulfilling exactly was requested of her and began providing a new means for her family.

In January 1969, Marie showed her bravery as she accompanied her love to Baltimore, Maryland for open-heart surgery. Upon his return back to St. Thomas, her love was strengthen as she took care of his needs, Marie even went as far as redeveloping her cake recipe especially for him. It was through her love and nurturing he defied the odds and lived five years longer than the doctors expected. On September 19, 1981, the Lord took Marie's love home. That following Spring, Marie took her first trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma and found her second home.

Upon her return, invigorated with new life, Marie threw herself into her cakes. It was at this time that she began experimenting with various recipes from Christmas cakes to tarts to black wedding cakes to the ever famous Vienna cake. Marie's love for baking transitioned into her cakes and her clients tasted it. Her devoted clientele steadily grew and many of their children and grandchildren still remain devoted customers today. Marie taught her children and grandchildren as well as her daughter-in-law her recipe and how to bake it with love.

Her love for Tulsa continuously drew her back, especially after Hurricane Hugo where she stayed for almost a year before returning to St. Thomas. It was during that time she made many everlasting friends namely, the late Margie Hensley, Tom and Maxime Lierly, Steve Caldwell and family and Ellen Caldwell, she even adopted another daughter, Erma Turbe and grandson John David.

Even with all this happiness and love, Marie suffered for over fifteen years with knee troubles and each time she showed her bravery as she faced surgery to correct it. Although within the past few months, Marie's health began to decline, her faith and devotion to the Lord from childhood grew stronger. Knowing that she needed to see her doctor, Marie once again traveled back to Tulsa and courageously faced surgery one more time. Although the knee surgery was successful other underlying ailments persisted and on Sunday, April 1, 2007, Marie went home to be with the Lord in her home away from home during her favorite time of the year.



Survivors



Sons

John, Michael & Patrick

Daughters

Melinda, Clementine, Marilyn, Joan & Judith

Sons-In-Law

Alberto, Allan, BG (VI) Eddy Sr. & Roy Sr.

Daughters-In-Law

Marie-France, Ginger & Peggy

Grandchildren

Roy Rogers Jr., SFC Eddy Gerard Charles Jr., Giselle Richardson, Nicole Dedeaux, Keisha Rogers, Marisa Rogers, Renee Thomas, Cyril Richardson, Johnathan Mercado, Judith Richardson, Leah Mercado, Brenton Greaux, DeShawn & Devon McClean

Great Grandchildren

Dominique, Dejanique, Reanisha, Eddy III, Chanel, Marquez, Jarquez, Azari, Makeida, Keishani, K'Niya, Flavius III, Kiyani, Julian & Ashley

Uncle

Amor Quetel

Brothers

Axel & Julien Magras, Augustine, Edwin, Ralph & Rene Quetel

Sisters

Edna Delong, Inger Cerge, Lena Greaux, Lillian Magras, Ruby Maxson

Brothers-In-Law

Ret. Master Sgt. Donald & Dean Greaux, Wayne Maxson

Sisters-In-Law

Diane Greaux, Marie Magras, Florence, Cecile, Elizabeth & Priscilla Quetel

Godchildren

Beatrice Selkridge, Simon Caines & Theodore Larsen

Special Friends

Val Greaux, Elvina Ledee, Josephine Richardson, Sylvie Olive, Denise Humphrey, Meaghan Firestone, Irene Thomas, Anne Mahoney, Jean Dragin, Georgette Kancel, Charles-Henry & Matthew Maricel, Dr. Ronald Hood, Erma, Paul, Thalia & Leonard Turbe, Melanie Aubain, Margie Hensley, Tom & Maxime Lierly, Steve Caldwell & family, Ellen Caldwell, Lillian Chesterfield, Harriette Leonard, Judge Ive Swan & Attorney Alan Smith

Pallbearers

John, Patrick, Dean & Ret. Master Sgt. Donald Greaux, Roy Rogers, Jr., Alberto Mercado, BG (VI) Eddy Charles Sr., Jerry Quetel & Robert Danet

Honorary Pallbearers

Michael & Jean Greaux, Cyril, Allan, Henry, Raymond & Herman Richardson, Washington Gumbs, SFC Eddy Gerard Charles Jr., SGT Marc Dedeaux, Capt Illya Thomas, Jean Dragin, Mark Freeman, Flavius Ottley II, Ovando Rawlins & Rolando Vanterpool.

