



Phillip Ledee
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Joseph Philip Ledee, Sr. was born on April 1, 1905 in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. He grew up with his parents and siblings in Carenage, French Town where his parents moved to from St. Barth's.

He met Marie Josephine Danet and they were married shortly thereafter. This union lasted 55 memorable years. They were blessed with seven children: John Rene, Ann Melina, Marie Elisia, Pierre Leopold, Marie Theresa, Joseph Philip (Sukie) and Agnes Maria.

Philip or "Pope Jack" as he was called by his friends and acquaintances was quite a business man. He acquired his knowledge of business as a young man when he worked for the French Consulate.

"Jack" decided to venture on his own by opening a small grocery store in French Town. The business later expanded into a grocery and bar between him and his three sons. It was renamed Philip Ledee and Sons Victory Grocery Bar. His customers were truly amazed at his unique capability of precisely slicing the exact weight of $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of cheese or $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of ham that was ordered. At Christmas time many customers looked forward to winning Christmas Hams by playing cards.

Philip (Pope Jack) was quite a religious individual. He was closely associated with St. Ann's Church. He was one of the important members who helped build that church from its foundation. That is the reason why he is so rightly called one of the "Pillar" of the church. He was also head of the St. Ann Society and head of the ushers. "Jack" attended church and was involved with the business until he was unable to due to his health rapidly deteriorating. We were saddened when he left us on December 29, 1980. May he rest in eternal peace.