

*In Loving Memory*



**TRINIDAD CECILIA CLASSEN**

February 10, 1902 – February 13, 1995

**SERVICE**

Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral

Tuesday, February 21, 1995

10:00 a.m.

**INTERMENT**

Western Cemetery #1

## *Eulogy*

Trinidad Cecilia Classen, affectionately known as "Aunt Trina", was born on February 10, 1902 on the island of St. Thomas to the late Joseph Classen and Panchita Jeanton Classen. She had three brothers, José, Eduardo and Carlos Classen, all deceased.

Aunt Trina attended the Convent School. As a child, she made several trips to Santo Domingo with her family. Her father was offered employment there and the family was relocated to Sanchez Town, Santo Domingo where she resided until her return to St. Thomas in her late twenties.

While in Santo Domingo, Aunt Trina started a correspondence course in music with the University of Music in Spain and subsequently received her diploma. Aunt Trina gave private piano lessons at home and was also active in playing for her church. She also gave private lessons in English to Spanish speaking individuals in the community where she lived. Upon the death of her father, Aunt Trina returned to St. Thomas with her mother and resided in Estate Staabi.

As a devout Catholic, Aunt Trina played at the St. Ann's Chapel in Frenchtown for over 20 years. She was also the accompanist for the Frenchtown Boy's Choir. In addition, Aunt Trina still continued to give private piano lessons. She taught music theory, piano and organ. Although she had a love for Spanish music, she always instilled in her students, the need to learn about classical music.

Trinidad volunteered her services for many years to Sts. Peter and Paul School for their annual school programs. For a period of time, she was also a substitute organist for Sunday Mass at the Cathedral. She helped other religious groups and choir directors with preparation for their musical performances and was also guest pianist at private parties.

Aunt Trina continued to teach until age 89. She leaves behind a legacy of devotion to her church and her music.

"REST IN PEACE"

## *Survivors*

**SISTER-IN-LAW**  
Mary Dorothy Classen

**NEPHEW**  
Charles G. Classen

**NIECES**  
Mae Patricia Classen  
Geraldine Cecilia Classen

**GREAT NEPHEWS**  
John P. Wheatley  
Michael A. Wheatley  
Hassan C. Frazer  
Saleem E. Frazer

**GREAT NIECE**  
Kahsandra S. Frazer

**COUSIN-IN-LAW**  
Mavis de Jongh

**GODDAUGHTER**  
Valerie Danet

And many other relatives, friends and students.

## *Pallbearers*

Allan Harrigan  
Edward Danet  
George A. Mena, Jr.

Steve Olive  
Robert deJongh, Sr.  
Stanley deJongh

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Gerard Rivera

Charles G. Classen