



Funeral Celebration

of

Aimee O. Querrard

better known as

Ella Mae



August 14, 1918 ... December 22, 2003

Viewing: 8:30 – 9:00am

Tuesday, December 30, 2003

Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mofalie

Services: 9:00

Entombment:

Our Lady Cemetery





EULOGY



Aimee O. Querrard, better known to everyone as Ella Mae, was born on August 14, 1918 to Lucy Querrard. Her mother married Daniel Petersen when she was a small child, and she came to love him as her natural father. Ella Mae was the oldest and last surviving child of Lucy Querrard-Petersen. Her sister, Florence Petersen-Rabsatt and her brothers, Earl Benny Heyligar and Donald Petersen preceded her in death. She married Louis Charles Querrard in 1956, and he too, preceded her in death in the year 2000.

Ella Mae worked for the Department of Education as a food service worker for over 40 years. She worked at various schools on the island through the years, primarily Sts. Peter & Paul and Jane E. Tuitt schools. The final school for which she worked was All Saints School before retiring in 1977. Throughout the years, many of the students she fed at school would meet her and thank her for filling their plates and willingly giving them second helpings. From all her experience in the cooking field, Ella Mae was known to make some of the best peas soup, salt fish & dumplings and johnny cakes. She took pride in preparing these delectable foods for her family and friends, and she would call us up to come by and enjoy some delicious meals. She would only be satisfied when we were stuff full of food, and she always insisted that we take some of it home with us.

Ella Mae had five natural children of her own, Rita Scarbriel, Alfredo Ernie Scarbriel, Lubin Scarbriel, Elizabeth Querrard and Theresa Querrard Bernier. Elizabeth Querrard died when she was three years old. At the time, Ella Mae was eight months pregnant with her last child, Theresa Querrard Bernier. She often spoke of that time as the most difficult time of her life. It proved, however, the extent of her remarkable perseverance and strength as she prepared to bury one child and give birth to another. She may have born five children, but she raised a village. Ella Mae's house was always filled with children through the years. Her loving heart always allowed room for one more child. The neighborhood children knew that they could find refuge and shelter within her home.

Her life was not one of ease and luxury. She worked long shifts and hard hours to support her family. She endured numerous trials and hardships throughout the years. Her life, though, was one of triumph. It was a lesson of kindness, forgiveness, determination, strength, and love to us, her children. Her most remarkable attributes were her kindness, her giving heart and her ability to embrace strangers as friends. She also knew how to have fun. She loved music, and she loved to dance.

Ella Mae enjoyed a rich, full life of simple blessings. She has left us with loving memories and valuable lessons that we will treasure in our hearts forever.

AIMEE QUERRARD, BETTER KNOWN AS "ELLA MAE"

DIED: 12-22-03

Survivors

Sons: Alfredo "Ernie" Scarbriel
Lubin "Easy" Scarbriel

Son-in-law: James Bernier, Sr.

Daughters: Rita Scarbriel
Theresa Querrard Bernier

Daughters-in-law: Patricia Ottley Scarbriel
Alana Jennings Scarbriel

Stepsons: Fernando Scarbriel
Rudy Scarbriel
Dean Scarbriel

Stepdaughters: Ina Scarbriel Brown
Dariel Scarbriel Ruiz
Anna Scarbriel Sille

Brothers-in-law: Bernard "Benny" Questel

Sisters-in-law: Velma Heyliger
Vanita Questel
Enid Questel

Grandchildren: Joseph Phipps
Nicole VanHolten Frett
Nico VanHolten
Kurt Daniel
Gregory Scarbriel
Jayson Scarbriel
J'nelle Scarbriel
Lubin Scarbriel, Jr.
Debra Scarbriel Jensen
Sean Scarbriel
Danielle Scarbriel
James Bernier, Jr.
Tina Noel Bernier
Tiffany Aimee Bernier

Special friend: Percy Phillips

PALLBEARERS:

Alfredo "Ernie" Scarbriel
Lubin Scarbriel, Sr.
Lubin Scarbriel, Jr.
James Bernier, Jr.
Jayson Scarbriel
Nico VanHolten

HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

James Bernier, Sr.
Gregory Scarbriel
Kurt Daniel
Joseph Phipps
Sean Scarbriel
Donald Petersen, Jr.
Daniel Petersen
Percy Phillips
Rudy Scarbriel
Fernando Scarbriel
Dean Scarbriel
Zachary Heyliger
Earl Hayliger, Jr.
Gilbert M. Heyliger