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**ANN MARIE BRIN
OR ANN MARIE BRYAN**

SEPTEMBER 30, 1923 - MARCH 14, 2002

FUNERAL SERVICE
Friday, March 22, 2002

VIEWING #1
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Davis Funeral Home

VIEWING #2
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
St. Anne's Chapel, Frenchtown

Service at St. Anne's Chapel
10:00 a.m.

INTERMENT
Western Cemetery #1

EULOGY

Eulogy of Ann Marie Brin

On September 30th, 1923, Ann Marie Blanchard was born to Emile & Elenora Blanchard right here on St. Thomas. At the tender age of 16, on April 3rd, 1940, she wed Leo Brin of St. Barths. This union was blessed with twelve children, nine of whom survive today (Margaret, Beatrice, Lena, Blazey, Noreen, Butchie, Louise, Leo, and Maria). Marie & Leo were happily married for 38 years until his death in 1979.

Marie or "MaMa", as she was affectionately called by most who know her, worked at the I Levin Store for many, many years, but her #1 priority had always been her family. She also helped support her family by ironing and making straw wears which she sold. She could make the most beautiful straw creations you'd ever seen. She made baskets, mats, purses and hats in various sizes and colors. Whenever you needed a straw hat to go fishing, all you had to do was stop by her house and pick one up. Her weaving talent ran second to no other.

I recall myself as a small child sitting on the front porch of her house in Frenchtown amazed by the swiftness of her fingers as she wove the straw with ease and precision. She always seemed so carefree while she swang in her hammock, straw in hand and a cup of hot, black coffee somewhere nearby. The sound of country western music or even a little Jamsie echoing through every room in the house with "MaMa" humming and giving a lil shake up to the tune. She loved her music and dancing and she was always jovial.

She was the heart and soul of her family. No matter who moved away or who was sick or what disagreements came along, she always managed to keep everyone together and updated on the happenings. She was the foundation which binds her family together. Her life has been an inspiration to us and we hope she was able to impact all of you the way that she has reached us.

This woman that we call "MaMa", this mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, had the strength of an army as she fought so diligently for each day with her family and God at her side. She fought a good fight against death and won many a battles, but finally lost the war on March 14, 2002.

The Bible tells us that life is eternal and that only the flesh dies. "MaMa", you are a kindred spirit and we know that you will be with us for all of time. Until we meet again, may you enjoy your new found life, free of pain and suffering.

We Love You Now & Forever.

Your Family

SURVIVORS

- Sister** Lucina Turbe
- Daughters** Margaret Brin, Beatrice Selkridge,
Angelina Magras, Noreen Bryan, Louise Questel,
Maria Petersen
- Adopted Daughter** Louise LaPlace
- Sons** Blaze, Hypolite and Leo Bryan
- Sons-in-Law** Henry Magras, David Selkridge, Martel Questel
and Arsene Garin
- Brothers-in-Law** Edward Brin, Paul Turbe
- Daughter-in-Law** Doreen Bryan
- Sister-in-Law** Marguerite Brin
- Grandchildren** Daniel Brin, Albert Brin, Carol Williams,
Susan Edwards, Monique Bute, Antoine Magras,
Cherri Griffith, Idetha & David Selkridge, Jr.,
Diane Urena, Angela Backes, Jeanette Saldana,
Suzette Descartes, Fernando & Michael Aubain,
Karen, Ann Marie, Chyrise, Tammy, Cleo,
Kareem, Leo Jr., Leon, Nellie, Meshelle, Kai &
Marie Bryan, Joel & Luc Questel, Nicole Aubain,
Pamela, Jessica, Arnold Jr., and Britteny Petersen
- Step-Grandchildren** Raymond Christian and Veron Christian
- Great-Grandchildren** Forty-eight
- Caretaker** Mary Harley
- Nieces, Nephews, Relatives and many Friends too numerous to mention**