



In Loving Memory

Anne Florina Berry

1924 - 1996

Funeral Service

Friday, November 22, 1996

Viewing: 12:30 - 1:30 pm

John Thomas Memorial Chapel

Service: 2:00 pm

St. Anne's Chapel

Interment at

Western Cemetery



Survivors

SON

Michael Joseph Berry

DAUGHTER

Marie Rose Rivera

SON-IN-LAW

Jorge Luis Rivera, Sr.

GRANDCHILDREN

Rose Lynn Rivera, Jorge Luis Rivera, Jr.,
Marcos Gabriel Rivera

SPECIAL NEPHEW AND GODSON AND FAMILY

Claude Gabriel Berry , Matthew Joseph Berry and Linda Berry

BROTHERS

Leon Quetel, Anthony Quetel

SISTERS-IN-LAW

Margarita Quetel, Blanca Quetel, Ceilia Quetel,
Mary Barrate, Marion Berry

BROTHER-IN-LAW

Phillip Berry

many other nieces and nephews, family and friends

Pallbearers

Claude Gabriel Berry, Jorge Luis Rivera, Sr., Hector Quetel,
Pierre Ledee, Steve Magras, Dean Greaux, Patrick Greaux

Honorary Pallbearers

Michael Joseph Berry, Leon Quetel, Anthony Quetel,
Sebastian Greaux, Philippe Greaux,
Edwin Quetel, James Magras



Ann Florina Quetel Berry

February 11, 1924 - November 16, 1996

We gather together this day to pay tribute to and celebrate Florina's entrance into eternal life. We bid farewell to her for this moment and await the time when we will see her again.

Anne Florina was born on St. Thomas on February 11, 1924 to Eudocie Ledee and Louis Quetel of which she was the fifth of nine children. During her childhood, like most French children of that time, life was difficult and poverty was everywhere. Florina, like everyone else, had many responsibilities, education being very important. She obtained her schooling at Sts. Peter and Paul and continued at Charlotte Amalie School.

Florina, along with other members of her family, spent many nights doing straw work and studying by candlelight. The straw goods were then sold on Saturdays at the cooperative which was located at the old Continental building.

After completing school, Florina held many jobs, one of them being a nurse's aide, but the night-shift was something that she could not handle. She worked at "Hays" Department Store and several other stores in Charlotte Amalie.

Florina was a member of the Societies of St. Anne, Our Mother of Perpetual Help and the Sacred Heart and a fervent member of the St. Anne's Chapel Choir. Florina especially enjoyed singing at the Christmas Midnight Service and Easter Sunday Mass.

Not being satisfied with her life and feeling that there was something more meaningful that she wanted to do, and because of her deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Florina felt drawn to religious service. She eagerly pursued her dream and traveled to Dearborn, Michigan, where she entered the convent and stayed there for six years. Florina returned to St. Thomas in 1959 due to ill health and the realization that being a nun was not her calling in this life.

She returned to her life as it was before and shortly thereafter met, fell in love and married Joseph Berry and was together until his passing on July 8, 1991. From this joining came one daughter and one son, and three grandchildren.

Florina remained the rest of her life on St. Thomas where she pursued a career in teaching and taught in the public school system until her retirement in 1983. Her plans were then to enjoy the remainder of her life with her family and grandchildren, however, that was not the plans of our



Father. On November 14, 1986, Florina had a stroke that left her paralyzed and speechless. She then suffered another stroke about one year later. She developed heart problems, high blood pressure and diabetes and in the last three years of her life fought on and off with cancer.

Florina spent the last ten years of her life bedridden. She lost her loving husband Joseph and her beloved sister Octavie. She endured many personal heartaches, but through constant prayer and devotion was able to overcome many of her sufferings.

The last five years were spent living with her daughter and her family, moving just a few short months ago to Connecticut. Florina, by the mercy of God, did not suffer a painful death, but went peacefully in her sleep on November 16, 1996 at 1:00 am.

She will be deeply missed. May she rest in peace.

Order of Service

Principal Celebrant . . . Father Jerome Feudjio

Assisting Deacon . . . Rev. Mr. Alberto Olive

Organist . . . Jean Greaux

ENTRANCE HYMN I Surrender All, #170

PENITENTIAL RITES

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING Elizabeth Greaux

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING Aurea Olive

GOSPEL

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

OFFERTORY HYMN Heart of Jesus Hear

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PEACE HYMN Prayer of St. Francis, #284

COMMUNION RITE

COMMUNION HYMN Blessed Assurance

RECESSIONAL HYMN Cantique De St. Anne