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Arnold Joseph Petersen, Sr.
February 6, 1952 - September 14, 1999

Funeral Service

Wednesday, September 22, 1999

Viewing

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

John Thomas Memorial Chapel

Viewing

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

St. Anne's Chapel, Frenchtown

Service

10:00 a.m.

St. Anne's Chapel, Frenchtown

Interment

Western Cemetery No. 1

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Eulogy

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Arnold Joseph Petersen was born on February 6, 1952 to Irma Greaux and Donald Petersen. He was the second of five children and the eldest son. After his father passed, when Arnold was ten years old, he was faced with accepting many family responsibilities. He completed his elementary education and immediately went out to work as a groundskeeper at the then Harry S. Truman Airport and Antilles Airboat to help his mother, sister and brothers.

Arnold met Maria Bryan in 1974 and the two were married on December 9, 1978. Of that special union came four loving children who were Arnold's pride and joy: Pamela, Jessica, Arnie, Jr. and Britteny.

Arnold worked for many years at Cinema One and for various construction companies. Whether there were two bags of cement to mix or twenty bags, Arnold was there, willing and able. He was a hard working man. He was also a fisherman, plumber, electrician and owned and operated his own painting and landscaping business.

Arnold will always be remembered for his love of music. He was a self-taught musician and loved his guitar. As one of the founding members of the now-famous Imaginations Brass, he travelled to several Caribbean islands and to New York with the band. He and his brother Donald (Junie) created a rhythm that was the envy of many local bands and that propelled the Imaginations band to international fame.

His love of music led him to share his talent with the Volcanics and the Tropical Expressions. He was joined by a younger brother, Billy, who always called Arnold "Fingers". Most recently, Arnold was the manager and a member of one of St. Thomas' all around bands: "Sea Breeze". Arnold played his last tune on September 10, 1999.

Arnold was a loving son, brother, husband, father and friend. Whenever he was asked how everything was going, his usual answer was, "it ain't easy, nothing is easy".

Take it easy, Arnold! Rest in peace.

Henry Richardson

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Survivors

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- Mother** Irma Greaux
- Step-Father** William Greaux, Sr.
- Wife** Maria Petersen
- Daughters** Pamela, Jessica and Britteny Petersen
- Son** Arnold Petersen, Jr.
- Mother-in-Law** Marie Bryan
- Sister** Eleanor Choate
- Brothers** Donald and Danny Petersen, William Greaux, Jr.
- Aunts** Ellamay Querrard, Elizabeth Quetel, Marie Magras, Cecelia Magras, Emma Greaux
- Uncles** Edwin, Albert and Antonio Quetel
- Sisters-in-Law** Margret Brin, Beatrice Selkridge, Angelina Magras, Noreen Bryan, Louise Questel, Germaine Petersen
- Brothers-in-Law** Blaze, Leo and Hipolite Bryan, Ali Choate

Nieces, Nephews, relatives and many friends too numerous to mention



Pallbearers

Robert Berry, Daniel Brin, Danny Petersen, Daryl Bryan,
Joel Questel, Lubin Scabriel

Honorary Pallbearers

William Greaux, Sr., Martel Questel, Donald Petersen, Jr.,
Robert Quetel, Richard Berry, Carlos Rojas, Percival Nurse,
Llewellyn Peets, McFarren Webster

Offertory Gifts

Pamela and Jessica Petersen