

*Celebration of the Life
of
Joseph Jules Fermin Aubain*



March 4, 1921 - May 4, 2006

*Funeral Services:
Friday, May 12, 2006*

*Viewing:
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
John Thomas Memorial Chapel*

*Services:
10:00 a.m.
Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral*

*Interment:
Western Cemetery No. 3*

SURVIVORS

Wife

Ann Sylvanie Aubain

Sons

Joseph Edward "Eddie" Aubain

John H. "Johnny" Aubain

Jimmy Aubain

Raymond Aubain

David Aubain

William Andre Aubain

Danny Michael Aubain

Daughters

Marie Betty Cruz

Carmen Aubain

Joan Cecilia Aubain

Irene Aubain

Christine Aubain

Carol Aubain

Son-in-Law

Juan Cruz Quetel

Daughters-in-Law

Aurea Olive

June Aubain

Farida Aubain

Paula Aubain

Marjorie Aubain

Brother

Anatole Aubin

Sisters

Dolores Brin

Andrea Derravin

Sisters-in-Law

Bernadette Aubain

Elise Aubin

Joseph Jules Fermin Aubain 1921 - 2006

Joseph Jules Fermin Aubain (Aubin) was born in Lorient, St. Barthelemy (St. Barths) on March 4, 1921. He was the oldest of four children born to Andre Aubin and Julie Aubin. His brother, Anatole Aubin, and two sisters, Dolores Brin and Andrea Derravin stills live in St. Barths.

He was known fondly to his family and friends as "Jules", "Julius" or "Sam" and to his taxi buddies as "Jill".

Jules came to St. Thomas when he was about 19 years old. That's when his name was mistakenly changed from Aubin to Aubain, which for some unknown reason was never corrected. He was a "people person". He loved to talk.

As much as Jules loved St. Thomas, his love for St. Barths was even greater. He lived in St. Thomas for over 65 years but never wanted to become a U.S. citizen because he was very proud of his French heritage.

When Jules first came to St. Thomas, he worked with Hartman's in the country taking care of the property and animals. When he resided in Frenchtown, in his spare time, he was a shoemaker. He later worked for the Navy in Sub Base. He also worked for Earle B. Ottley Printing. Jules was one of the first persons to work at the V.I. Hilton Hotel with Elliott Fishman when they started construction on the building. After the hotel was completed, he worked at the hotel as a handyman, doing odd jobs. He was also a Printer and was responsible for printing the hotel's menus and other printing needs.

Jules married Ann Sylvanie Greaux Olive on October 14, 1944, who at the time, was a widow and was raising a son, Lionel, who was three years old at the time. Their union produced thirteen children, Eddie, Johnny, Betty, Carmen, Jimmy, Raymond, Joan, Irene, Christine, David, Bill, Carol, and Danny. They were married for almost 62 years.

After he married, he owned and operated a taxicab for several years and was a member of the VI Taxi Association. He and his cousin, Denis Giraud, opened Uncle Sam's Tours; that is how he became known to many as "Sam". He opened his own tour business, Julius Tours. This was his favorite job because this gave him the

opportunity to meet different people from all walks of life. He loved the tour business and was later joined by his brother in law, Joe, and his son, Johnny. After numerous operations, Jules was forced to retire from the tour business. Jules was a hard worker and provided well for his family.

Before he got too ill to fly, he and Sylvanie visited their children in Salisbury, Maryland often. His favorite place was Assateague, Virginia, where he loved to watch the wild horses and other wildlife. Several years ago, he was presented with a gift by his children of a sponsored horse named "Andre", which was kept in Assateague.

Jules loved to take rides. His favorite saying was "Let's Go!". He often visited Eddie on the northside with Johnny and Jimmy. He especially enjoyed the company of his family and was always in the company of his wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He smiled continuously.

Even though he battled the ills of Alzheimer Disease for the past 14 years, at times he was able to recall family and friends and other events in the past. Jules seldom complained and basically remained in good spirits. He remained at home where he was cared for by Sylvanie and their oldest daughter, Betty.

Jules loved to fish and was a great fisherman in his days. Despite all the arguments you have heard and will hear from his sons, the other Aubain fishermen, Jules would gladly brag that it was he that taught them how to fish, with hand lines no less - and that's why they are the fishermen they are today!

As long as hearts remember
As long as hearts still care,
We never part with those we love -
They're with us everywhere...

So may your precious memories
Of the one you held so dear
Bring peace and comfort to you now
And keep your loved one near.

Jules you have made a mark on our lives. We bid you a safe journey and may you rest in peace eternally.

