

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Ethel Florie Lancelos

September 9, 1927 - August 23, 2012

Funeral Service

Friday, August 31, 2012

Viewing
Davis Funeral Home Chapel
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Service
St. Anne's Chapel
11:00 a.m.

Interment

Western Cemtery # 1



Ethel Florie Kline Lanclos

Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and Friend

September 9, 1927 - August 23, 2012

Ethel Florie Lanclos was born on the island of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands in the year of our Lord, September 9, 1927, to Addison Milton Kline and Ann Emily Greaux of which she was the second of four children. Ms. Lanclos, also known as (aka) "Florie", attended the George Washington Elementary School and was a resident of the French Town Community. Moreover, at a very tender age, she suffered the loss of both parents and was forced to enter the workforce instead of enjoying the benefits of childhood. Accordingly, she was first employed as a support staff worker at the Naval Base in Crown Bay, aka the Old Barracks. During her tenure at the Old Barracks, Florie met and fell in eternal love with the late Elmando D. Lanclos aka "Mando".

Florie and Mando were joined together in holy matrimony on September 28, 1945 and from their union they produced twelve (12) beautiful children, two of which were adopted. Furthermore, Our Lord and Faithful Father blessed the couple to experience sixty-one (61) years of fruitful union; thereby enabling them to behold three (3) generations of offspring, for a total of thirty-four (34) grandchildren and fifty-five (55) great grandchildren, to be exact. In addition, Florie was closely connected to her French heritage; especially her dearly beloved sisters Dorothy, Emily, and Alice who passed on before her.

Ms. Lanclos was most petite in stature, she girded herself gracefully and at the end of each day she was thankful for little and even more so humbled for the greater things. She worked tirelessly at times, taking on two (2) jobs at a time and still, she never fail to put dinner on the table and the last

to turn in at night. Skilled and gifted with her hands, she used much of the islands arts and craft, beads and sequences to design high scale fabrics, tapestry and clothing for a few local businesses such as the Hilton Hotel, Shoe Lace Factory and Frangipani Store. Subsequently, she seldom took credit for anything she did; yet with humble hands she fed the poor, visited the sick, and sheltered the homeless; while finding time to prepare meals for the Nunnery of Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

After the passing of her dearly beloved Husband and lifetime companion she gave herself wholly to the Ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ and if in this life she suffered, it was soundlessly and willingly for the sake of peace and love amongst her children, family and community. Thus, on the morning of August 23, 2012, the Lord called Ethel Florie Lanclos to enter into his eternal rest. Though we miss you, we are assured that we shall see you again for "*Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all*" (Proverbs 31:29). Rest now, we salute you Mama with a holy kiss.

Eulogy

Ethel Florie Lanclos the Matriarch of the Annas Fancy

Today we are here to celebrate and bear witness to the Life of a great woman of God my grandmother *Ethel Florie Kline Lanclos aka "Mama"*. The life Mama lived was one grounded on the doctrine and principles of the Holy Bible. Mama lived to serve her community and everyone in Annas Fancy knew if you where hungry, naked, sick, or homeless, simply go up to Ms. Lanclos's house; she will make a way for you. Well, as for her children, they had no choice when it came to sharing a meal, giving up a bed, reverencing God and attending Church regularly. Then, when the grandchildren came along our parents realized it just didn't make sense giving her gifts for birthdays and special holidays because they would all become

the property of one of her grandbabies. Nevertheless, she made us all feel like we were the special ones until we got older and realized she was sneaking all of us a little money either rolled up in her hands or concealed in an envelope. Additionally, she *never* ever forgot birthdays; we knew if no one else remembered Mama would.

After experiencing sixty-one (61) years of holy matrimony, Ms. Lanclos was left to mourn the departure of her beloved Husband and life's companion, the late Elmando D. Lanclos. While Ms. Lanclos lived a humbled life, she was endowed with twelve precious stones, her children and dearest gifts; Maria, Laura, Terecia, Elmando, Jr., Shirley, Sesley-Ann, Francis, Waverley, Ronald, David, Vandrena and Janet. The aforementioned stones grew to add an additional eighty (80) jewels to her crown (too numerous to mention).

While Mama was not afforded the opportunity of acquiring a standard education, she knew how to pray and touch heaven. Thus we her children are most fortunate to become beneficiaries of her service to God as He blessed her with doctors, lawyers, entrepreneurs, innovators, builders, teachers, ministers and the list goes on. The values and principles upon which Ethel Florie Kline Lanclos lived, serves as a testament that she walked with God and the memories of our dearly beloved mother/grandmother shall supply us with ample food for generations to come.

Finally, Mama's greatest desire above all things was to see love amongst all people and by that means she preached forgiveness. Today let us honor her, not just the precious memories but the prayer of a wise and noble woman:

"I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only. O God thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitertuo have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and grey headed, Oh God, forsake me not: until I have shewed they strength unto this generation, and thy power to everyone that is to come." (Psalms 71-16-18).

Your Granddaughter, Lisa Alejandro

Survivors

SONS

Elmando "Shag" Lanclos
Francis "Frankie" Lanclos
Ronald "Wiggy" Lanclos
David "Buffy" Lanclos
Anthony Wilkes

SON-IN-LAW - One

DAUGHTERS

Maria "Marie" Henry
Laura Lanclos James
Terecia "Teri" Thomas
Shirley Vanterpool
Sesley-Ann Wilkes
Waverly Potter
Vandrina Rogers
Janet Eleza

DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW - Two Many other relatives and friends.

NIECES AND NEPHEWS

Louis Henry Danet
Louis Randolph Danet
Louis Larry Danet
Patricia Magras
Lillian Isaac
Betty Guerrero
Pauline Walls
Slyzanita Walls

**GRANDCHILDREN -
Thirty-Four**

**GREAT
GRANDCHILDREN - Fifty-
Five**

**GREAT-GREAT
GRANDCHILD - one**

