

The Celebration Of The Life Of



Eugene Greaux, Sr.

February 19, 1920 <-> January 12, 1998

Funeral Services

Friday, January 16, 1998

Viewing: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

John Thomas Memorial Chapel

Service: 10:00 a.m.

St. Anne's Roman Catholic Chapel

Frenchtown, St. Thomas VI

Officiating Clergy: The Reverend Jerome Feudjio

Deacon: Alberta Olive

Organist: Jean Greaux

Interment: Western Cemetery #1

Survivors

- WIFEDorothy E. Greaux
- SONEugene Greaux, Jr.
- DAUGHTERSandra A. Free
- SON - IN - LAWReginald "Phil" Free
- GRANDCHILDRENAndrea Heaton, Brandon Greaux, Ginger Feltz,
Jennifer E. Hudson-Free, Scott C. Free
- GREAT-GRANDCHILDRENJoshua Feltz, Ashley Feltz, Alyssa Greaux,
Kyle Heaton, Megan Heaton,
RJ Heaton, Eric Pellot, Ryan Garber
- SISTERSSylvia Olive And Gertrude Magras
- BROTHER -IN-LAWDeacon Alberto Olive, Edward E. Magras,
Rene Danet, Richard Penney, Sr.
- SISTER-IN-LAWMary Penney
- NIECESValerie Danet, Judith O. Raimer, Maureen Danet Truss,
Irene Richardson, Rita Ann Willis, Catherine Caselden
- NEPHEWSClement "Tony" Magras, Franklin Magras,
Stanley Olive, Patrick Olive, James Danet,
Robert Danet, Richard Penney, Jr., David Penney, John Penney
- COUSINSTheodore Olive, Thomas Olive, John Olive,
Antoine Olive, Marie Hunter, Bernadette Aubain,
Sylvanie Aubain, Julie Aubain, John Greaux, Beatrice Greaux
- GODCHILDRENLouis Greaux, Clement "Tony" Magras,
Jennifer E. Hudson-Free
- SPECIAL FRIENDSJohn C. Turbe, "Jose", Marianne Caraballo,
Donald George, Austin Walters, James "Jamsie" Brewster

PALLBEARERS

**CLEMENT "BUTCHIE" DANET / JAMES DANET / PATRICK OLIVE
REGINALD "PHIL" FREE / EUGENE GREAUX, JR. / CLEMENT "TONY" MAGRAS**

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

**RENE DANET / ROBERT DANET / EDWARD MAGRAS
FRANKLIN MAGRAS / STANLEY OLIVE / THEODORE OLIVE**

Eulogy

Eugene Greaux, Sr.

Eugene Greaux, also known as Samson, Uncle Gene or Engine, was born on St. Thomas on February 19, 1920 to Marcial and Eugenie Greaux. His father passed away when Eugene was only eight years of age. He, along with his sisters, Gertrude, Sylvie and Betty were lovingly raised by his mother. After completing the sixth grade at Sts. Peter and Paul, Gene left school to find a job to assist in the support of his mother and sisters.

In 1938 he was offered the opportunity to sail aboard "The Catherine" and there he began what was to be a forty-two year career as a Merchant Marine. His travels took him to many foreign and U.S. ports, including Baltimore and Philadelphia, but most often to Puerto Rico. He also traveled to Alaska, Hawaii and the Middle East.

In Philadelphia, in 1944 he met and married Dorothy Wolf, a union that was blessed for 53 years with two children, little Gene and Sandy.

Eugene continued to sail but he and his family often visited his mom and sisters and their families in St. Thomas and spent many summer vacations here.

As part of their retirement plan, Dorothy moved back to St. Thomas in 1976, purchased a home and was followed by Eugene in 1980.

By that time Eugene had learned that he had cancer. He did all that was physically possible to keep it at bay and put the rest in the hands of God.

Eugene was a dedicated husband and father. His family was his life. He worked endlessly on his home, painting, repairing, gardening ingeniously with only one hand and stubborn determination.

Many remember Samson dancing at the center, Jouvert, at weddings and Christmas parties. His boundless energy was infectious. He literally "couldn't hear two spoon knock." He was an avid baseball enthusiast and a die-hard Phillies fan.

Eugene was committed to his church and an active participant in all of its activities. He energetically supported civic functions and Sunday softball games. He remained involved in his community until his most recent illness.

Uncle Gene's engine began to tire and he came to the realization that God, in His wisdom, had other plans for him. Eugene passed quietly in the early morning hours on Monday, January 12, 1998 after a hospital stay of several weeks. During his illness he was afforded the opportunity to receive many blessings from his brother-in-law, Deacon Olive and other Catholic Ministers.

Eugene Will be dearly remembered and sorely missed by so many of us whose lives he touched in a meaningful way. Go in peace, Uncle Gene, and rest in the arms of God.