

In Loving Memory



Eugene H. Olive (Gene)

June 11, 1923 – June 24, 1994

VIEWING:

John Thomas Funeral Home
12:30-1:30

SERVICE:

Friday, July 1, 1994...2:00 p.m.
St. Ann's Chapel

INTERMENT:

Western Cemetery No.1

Eulogy

Eugene H. Olive

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Eugene H. Olive, popularly known as "Gene" to his family and friends, was born here on St. Thomas on June 11, 1923. He was one of thirteen children born to Frederick and Emilie Olive of St. Thomas. He received his formal education at the Sts. Peter and Paul School here on St. Thomas. Forty-three years ago he married Irma Olive and from that union two beautiful twins, Patricia and Theresa came forth. Late in 1944, or about the time that the Allied Forces were making their assault on Omaha Beach in France, Gene was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served in the U.S. Army's Medical Corps where he performed with distinction and was honorably discharged two years later, as World War II came to a close. Upon returning home Gene married his sweetheart Irma and moved to New York City where he launched his hospitality career with the New York Sheraton Hotel, and after a few years with the Sheraton he returned to St. Thomas to work at the Virgin Islands Hilton Hotel and from there to Quetel's Grocery, Normandie Bar, Chateau Blanc, Victory Bar and part time at WSTA.

Anyone who lived in Frenchtown or came to Frenchtown for social or political reasons had to come in contact with Gene Olive. You were convinced after speaking to Gene, that he knew where the political winds were blowing, and as such, his advice was valuable. I listened to him when I ran four times for the Legislature and led all contestants in the Frenchtown polling station. Both Gene and Irma were centers of influence here in Frenchtown. Gene Olive was a staunch New York Mets fan who gloried in their championships and took their bad years in stride knowing that they would make a comeback. He was a member of FTCO Softball Team.

Eugene H. Olive was unquestionably a devoted husband and father. He lived for his family and most particularly for the eight grandchildren. He was a humble person, and one who never said no outright to anyone whom he believed he could help. For the past three

years he was confined to his home due to a prolonged illness, but during that time he knew that his entire family was always there for him.

His wife, Irma and his daughters, Patricia and Theresa as well as his grandchildren all mourn his passing but in doing so, they know that God will receive his soul into His Kingdom.

Special thanks to Irma, his faithful and devoted wife, his sons-in-law Steven Richardson and Neils Jeppesen, his eight grandchildren, his brother Deacon Alberto Olive, Ms. Thelma, Ms. Mary, Erick Quetel and family, Dr. Liu for his special care and patience, and to Theresa and Patricia the pillars of strength in the family.

Eric E. Dawson, Esq.
Commissioner



Survivors

Wife Irma Olive

Daughters Theresa Richardson
and Patricia Jeppesen

Grandchildren Stephen Jr., Dawn, Chelsea,
Tessa and Dior Richardson
Neils Jr., Jenielle, Cory Jeppesen

Sons-in-Law: Stephn Richardson, Sr.
Neils Jeppesen, Sr.

Brothers & Sisters Deacon Alberto Olive, Father Alphonso Olive,
Frank Olive, John G. Olive, Monsanto Olive,
Mary M. Duzant, Terry Danet, Sylvia Winckler,
Marie B. Haydock, Emily Evans, Frankie Olive

Special Mother-in-Law Ann Helen Danet

*Several Brothers-In-Law and Sister-In-Law, Nieces and Nephews, many other
Relatives and Friends.*

Pallbearers

*Stephen Richardson, Sr.
Stephen Richardson, Jr.
Pierre Ledee
Patrick Olive*

*Neils Jeppesen, Sr.
Theodore Danet, Sr.
Frankie Olive
Stanley Olive*

Honorary Pallbearers

*Don Bary
Sindey Roberts
Bill Hurst
Erick Vessup
Herbert Simmions*

*Rene Delgarde
Ashley Delgarde
Sebastien Greaux
Evan Bonelli
Erick Quetel*