

In Loving Memory

Of



Evelyn Ann Olive

April 4, 1937 to August 19, 2012

Funeral Service

Friday 31, 2012

Service: 9:00am

Saint Anna's Church



Eulogy for Evelyn Ann Olive



Evelyn Ann Olive was born on St. Thomas, VI on April 4, 1937. Her parents were Jean Emile Gumbs of St. Thomas, known as Emile or Kaiser and Ann Leonie Gumbs nee Ledee of St. Barts. She was affectionately called Evy by most acquaintances. Her children, grandchildren & great grandchildren called her Ma. Her mother, Leonie, called her Vilin.

Evelyn attended Sts. Peter and Paul Grammar and High School. After High School, Evelyn got employment at the gift shop named Maison Danois where she worked for many years, until the store closed its' doors. Evelyn became very knowledgeable of the store's merchandise, and was often preferred by regular shoppers because of her expertise. When the store closed its' doors, Evelyn got employment at the Department of Public Works. After she left the Department, she became a full time babysitter for her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Evelyn was a wonderful cook. Her favorite specialties were Red Peas Soup, Fried Fish in Creole Sauce and Johnny Cakes.

On April 1, 1956 Evelyn was married to the love of her life, Leopold Olive known as Popol. Evelyn and Popol called each other "Shug!! Short for sugar. The union brought seven children who later gave them 21 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. In 1941 Evelyn lost her father when she was just four years of age. She later lost her eldest brother "Junior" in 1957 then her younger brother Ralph in 1982. Then she lost her sister Helen in the year 2000 and her mother in 2009.

But her biggest loss was when her eldest son "Jerry" died in 1988. He was just 29 years of age and had just started out his career as a Fashion Designer.

Evelyn's favorite past time was spent playing bingo and the "chi-ching" machines. Her favorite bingo buddy was Betty Quetel. She always hoped to win the "Bull", but that never happened.

To say that Evelyn had a short temper would be putting it mildly. She was always ready to "blow-up" whoever challenged her. However, she was quick to calm down and have a good laugh over the matter.

Evelyn liked to "bounce", go riding in the car. Wherever they were headed, Evelyn had to go along no matter how many were crowded into the car.

Evelyn loved her husband, her children, her grandchildren & great grandchildren, as well as all of her immediate and extended family.

Evy, Ma, Vilin, Shug we will all miss you terribly.



Survivors



Husband: Jean Leopold Olive

Sons: Lawrence Olive I, Thomas Olive I, Patrick Olive I

Daughters: Angela Olive, Geraldine Lima, Marie "Bunny" Giddings

Adopted Son: Nicholas P. Jackman

Son-In-Laws: Donald Giddings & Gary Simon

Daughter-In-Laws: Laverne, Heather & Moressa Olive

Grandchildren: Jada & Pablo Concepcion, Heather & Diego Lima III, Dean Wheatley Jr., Santineech & Brandon Simon, Tamra, Tara, Thomas II, Thorne, Rebekah, Lawrence II, La'Shae, La'Jahnie, La'Jahniue , Patrick II, J'Quan, Monetrick & J'Vante Olive, Akima Blyden

Brother-In-Laws: Marcel Olive & John E. Gumbs

Sister-In-Law: Teresa Aubain

Fourteen (14) Great grandchildren

Special Friends: The Magras, Quetel, Lima & LaVoie Family

Many other relatives and friends, too numerous to mention.

Pall Bearers

Lawrence Olive I
Lawrence Olive II
Thomas Olive I
Thomas Olive II
Patrick Olive I
Diego Lima III

Honorary Pall Bearers

Pablo Concepcion
Dean Wheatley Jr.
Thorne Olive
J'Quan Olive

Patrick Olive Jr.
Dominique Olive
Steven Olive
Christopher Olive
Kiyoshi Richardson