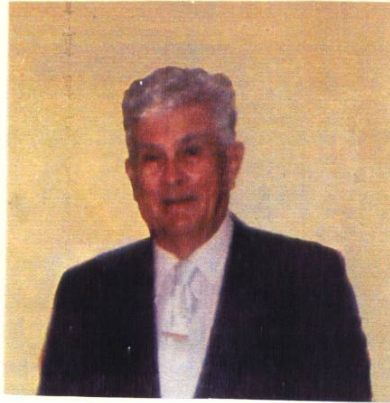


The Celebration of the Life of



Gaston Lionel Richardson

November 28, 1915 — June 23, 2001

Funeral Services

Monday, July 2, 2001

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

John Thomas Memorial Chapel

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

St. Anne's Roman Catholic Chapel

Service: 10:00 a.m.

St. Anne's Roman Catholic Chapel

Eulogy

Gaston Lionel Richardson November 28, 1915 - June 23, 2001

Gaston Lionel Richardson better known as "Nell", was born in Manhattan, NY on November 28, 1915 to Constant and Eunice Richardson. He attended school in French St. Martin and completed his education through adult education classes in St. Thomas.

In 1934, he married Josephine Marie Mingo, a union that was blessed for 66 years with ten sons. In 1945, he served in the US Army and was stationed in San Juan, PR. After serving in the US Army the couple ventured to St. Thomas with their first five sons.

Nell first worked for the Rockefellers at the Caneel Bay Plantation. He later worked for several years for *All American Cable Office*. This job offered the opportunities to travel to other Caribbean islands installing communication towers.

He will be best remembered for his craftsmanship, creativity, and his drive for perfection. He surely can be considered a master carpenter. Nell, in earlier years, refurbished many stores on Main Street such as: *Little Switzerland*, *Place Vandome*, and *H. Stern* to name a few. His creativity also extended into homes throughout the community. He was not only known for his craftsmanship; he was a musician, a sailor, a boat-builder, a yachtsman, a fisherman, a contractor, and a gardener.

The older folks may remember "Punto" where he built from scratch the well-known sailing boat "The Veteran". This accomplishment sparked interest and pioneered the charter boat industry. The famous blue sails were seen in all the bays and ports throughout St. Thomas, St. John, and Tortola.

With the addition of his other five sons born in St. Thomas, Gaston was always proud of the contributions they made to the community, especially their dedicated service in the US Army.

Throughout the years Nell, as you know, never missed a good get together. He was the life of the party, especially on the dance floor. Nine years ago, he unfortunately suffered two major strokes. His immediate family and friends aided in his treatment and therapy. During his last days he suffered a third stroke. Gaston held on and slowly began to tire. His fight came to an end as the patriarch of the Richardson family passed quietly during the evening hours of June 23, 2001 after a hospital stay of several weeks.

Gaston will be dearly remembered and sorely missed by the many lives he touched.

Rest in Peace

Survivors

WIFE

Josephine M. Richardson

SONS

Herman, Celeste, Marius, Elmo, Allan, William,
Leslie, Henry, Raymond, Gerald, Stephen

DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW

Monika, Jean, Chelsea, Melinda, Yolanda,
Judith, Irene, Patricia, Catherine, Theresa

GRANDCHILDREN

Jon, Peter, Paul, Martin, H. Alexander, Mark, Julie, Carol, Peter, Eric,
Michael, Paul, Eddie, Joanne, Giselle, Cyril, Judith, Yvette, Collette,
Shana, Neal, Leslie, Teneka, Cindy, Jay, Yvette, Yvonne, Jeanette,
Michael, Monique, Sunel, Tova, Stephen Jr., Dawn, Chelsea, Tessa, Dior

26 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

SISTERS - IN - LAW

Bertha Duzant, Olive Gumbs, Esther Gumbs

NIECES

Norma Duzant, Sonia Duzant, Millicent Gagliani,
Daniella Turbe, Sheila Hoftyzer, Carol Laban,
Edna Anthony, Sheila Asciani, Elody Gumbs

NEPHEWS

Franklin Richardson, Glen Richardson, Herman Richardson,
Irvin Richardson, Leo Richardson, Rudolph Richardson,
Pierre Beauperthuy, Henry Duzant

THE FAMILIES

Richardsons, Lawrences, Mingos, Gumbs, Duzants,
Beauperthuys, Ascianis, Wells, Tacklins, Larmonys

Many other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.