

In
Loving Memory



John Claud Gumbus
1905-1994

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday December 9, 1994

Viewing: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

JOHN THOMAS MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Service : 2:00 PM

ST. ANNE'S CHAPEL

Officiate: Father Bernard Camphel

Deacon: Rev. Alberto Olive

Organist: Jean Greaux

Interment: Western Cemetery

*John
Thomas*

THE PEOPLE WHO CARE ... MORE

John Claude Gumbs

December 18, 1905 - December 4, 1994

Claude was the eldest of six children born to Julia and Octave Gumbs of Frenchtown. Having been born and raised near the ocean he soon developed a love for the sea and became a fisherman. His true love was Marie Eugenie Blanchard, Better known as Une. Not two weeks after their nuptial engagement, tragedy struck. While on a fishing trip with two other men, the boat capsized in bad weather. Hours and days passed. Search parties went out and returned disappointed. The family prepared for mourning. His fiancée was devastated. On her way to church an old lady consoled her "Don't worry, he'll be back and he will marry you." During the mass a message was passed to the priest. He read it aloud. Two of the missing men were found clinging to their capsized boat. One had succumbed to fatigue.

Claude was alive! He was rescued by the US Navy off of Vieques, Puerto Rico. Claude and Une were married on November 23, 1928. The union brought 14 children, 10 of which survive.

An avid sportsman in his early years, Claude was a respected 'Fast Bowler' for the 'Speak Easy' cricket team.

A very opinionated person, Claude could often be found in the midst of lively discussions and in opposition to the entire group. He had the stamina to support his convictions. Politics and sports were his favorite subjects. Election time was his glory.

Along with being as fisherman, Claude sailed on the 'Catherine' and was a watchman for various firms, including Texaco Oil Co. He held his ground to whoever approached his assigned area.

His meager earnings and long hours of work did not prevent him from supporting and caring for his large family. Together with Une, who did straw work. They struggled to raise them to adulthood. 'Christmas', as his mother fondly called him, lived a long life with Une as the old lady had predicted.

Though he left no material riches, he left a legacy of hard work and perseverance for all to follow.

Just as he held onto the capsized boat, he held onto life for months and even years after the quality of his life had deteriorated.

If the manner of which his wife and family cared for him to the end is any indication, they must have loved him very much. Claude was cared for in excellent fashion until the end.

You Took A Part Of Me

Claude, you are to me, my whole life, my love, and we shared fourteen lovely children.

I know in my heart you will be in the Lords care and always hold a big part of my heart. No one, could ever take your place, Claude. May you rest in peace.

Love always,
Une

In Loving Memory of Our Father and Grandfather, Pa Pa

There are no words that express the pain we feel, now that it is time to say goodbye. But we know you are feeling the softness of God's kingdom. We know you are among those smelling the sweet smell of God's land. We know you tasting the sweet taste of God's love. And we know that Our Father is surrounding you with his angels giving you peace at last. We will miss you deeply. Our love will be with you forever.

The Blanchard Family

SURVIVORS

WIFE: Marie Eugene Gumbs

SONS: John L. Gumbs, John T. Gumbs, Frank T. Gumbs, John Kenneth Gumbs

DAUGHTERS: Rosie Carpenter, Rita, Tarmon, Francillin Blanchard, Mary Smith, Patricia Vega, Carol Stinson

SISTERS: Francillin Holt, Bertile Vante

DAUGHTER-IN-LAW: Joy Gumbs, Sarah Gumbs

SPECIAL GOD CHILD: Florence Phillips

SONS-IN-LAWS: Ken Carpenter, Robert Tarman, Danny Stinson, Wally Vega, Ron Smith, Louis Blanchard

SISTERS-IN-LAWS: Juliana Gumbs, Leoni Gumbs

BROTHER-IN-LAW: Roy Holt

GRANDCHILDREN: Carol Ann Brainard, Bill Carpenter, Tina Carpenter, Kenny Carpenter, John Carpenter, John Gumbs, Jr., Mark Tarman, Willis Tarman, Patrick Tarman, Mary Beth Tarman
Tony Blanchard, Patrick Blanchard, Theresa Blanchard, Gerard Blanchard, Claudine Vega, Melissa Gumbs, Kenny Gumbs, Lennette Gumbs, Jorad Stinson, Jonah Stinson, Joel Stinson, Natasha Gumbs, Shanada Gumbs

GREAT-GRAND-CHILDREN: Christopher Brainard, Joshua Brainard, Rose Carpenter, Jack Carpenter, Nathan Carpenter, Shanata Carpenter, Sarannah Carpenter, Heather Torman, Kristi Tarman, Sarah Tarman, Matthew Tarman, Joshua Tarman, Daniel Blanchard, Dannielle Gumbs, Tony Giordano, Nikki Giordano

MANY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

PALL BEARERS: Frank T. Gumbs, Kenneth Gumbs, Louis A. Blanchard, Patrick Blanchard, Gerald Blanchard, Timmie Carpenter

HONORARY PALL BEARERS: John L. Gumbs, John E. Gumbs, John T. Gumbs, John T. Olive, John Hardy, Louis C. Blanchard