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In Loving Memory



John Felix Gumbs

1915 - 1993

Funeral Services

Saturday, July 10, 1993

Viewing . . . 8:30 to 9:30 am

John Thomas Memorial Chapel

Service . . . 10:00 am

St. Anne's Chapel

Frenchtown

Officiant . . . Father Elliot Thomas

Interment at Western Cemetery No. 1



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Survivors

WIFE . . . Marie Juliana Gumbs
SONS . . . John Lawrence Gumbs,
Theodore J. Gumbs,
John Evan Gumbs, Gerald Felix Gumbs
DAUGHTER . . . Diana R. Gumbs
BROTHER . . . John Claude Gumbs
SISTERS . . . Francilia Holt, Bertile Vante
DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW . . . Marianne Birch Gumbs,
Sonja Nishimori Gumbs, Rita Aubain Gumbs, Barbara Silva Gumbs
SISTERS-IN-LAW
Eugenie Gumbs, Leoni Gumbs, Melanie Bernier, Dorita Olive
BROTHERS-IN-LAW . . . Roy Holt, John C. Turbe
GRANDCHILDREN . . . Alfred Gumbs, Luana A. Gumbs,
Colin Gumbs, Brian Gumbs, Garnet Amari, Gia Gumbs,
Alison Gumbs, Darin Gumbs, Aaron Gumbs
GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN . . . Brianda Gumbs, Gavin Amari

Pallbearers

John Lawrence Gumbs, Theodore J. Gumbs, John Evan Gumbs,
Gerald Felix Gumbs, Alfred Louis Gumbs, Brian Gumbs

Honorary Pallbearers

Louis Blanchard, Gary Danet, Marcel Danet, Leroy Gotlieb, Frank
Gumbs, Francisco Hernandez, Roy Holt, Pastor Edward F. Magras,
Louis Anthony Olive, Theodore Olive, John C. Turbe, James Vante

Ushers

Louis Anthony Blanchard, Christian Boschulte,
Lawrence Olive, Thomas Olive

Offertory Gifts

Luana Gumbs, Geraldine Lima

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John Felix Gumbs

March 23, 1915 - July 6, 1993

Felix was one of six children born to Julia and Octave Gumbs. Born in Frenchtown near the ocean, he gained an early liking for boats. As a lad his abilities gained him a job running a motor launch for the Light House & Bouy Company. His co-workers were Spanish speaking and he soon was able to converse in the language. This new language drew him the nicknames "Hombre" and "Don Fil" from his Frenchtown buddies.

Having abandoned school at an early age, he landed a job that would change his life thereafter. He began working at age 16 for Mr. Arthur Lindo and his wife Olympia in one of their Dry Goods stores.

The Lindos soon learned that they could place a lot of trust and responsibility in this young man and a close bond developed between them.

After working for the Lindos for more than thirty years, the opportunity presented itself for him to become proprietor of the business. He did so on August 1, 1962 and held the business until January of 1983 when he retired. With the help of family members and several dedicated employees, in particular Miss Juliance Greaux and Miss Agnes Tranberg, the business was a success.

On September 5, 1937, Felix married the former Marie Juliana Turbe, his childhood sweetheart. This union brought five children, four boys and one girl.

With his friendly and outgoing personality, Felix drew the respect and admiration of all with whom he came into contact. He exhibited concern for everyone and was always ready to help.

As was his personality to the public, it was even more warm and loving at home. He was a gentle and loving husband and father. A wonderful provider, he was able to make the little he had go a long way to make his family comfortable and happy.

His community efforts included several terms on the Selective Service Board and a very active role in the Catholic community, St. Anne's Chapel in particular, where he was an usher.

He also liked music and dancing. His most recent activities included being a part of carnival with the St. Thomas Community Band. He was a die-hard Yankee fan and very fond of boxing.

Felix, Dad, Grandpa, Hombre, Don Fil . . . whatever we knew him as, will be greatly missed, not only by his family which he loved so dearly, but also by the community as a whole that he also cherished.