

*The Celebration of the Life
of*



Joseph Sebastien Greaux

February 23, 1920 - April 7, 2002

Funeral Services

Viewing: 8:00 am - 9:00 am
Thursday, April 11, 2002
Davis Funeral Home Chapel

Service: 9:30 am
Thursday, April 11, 2002
St. Anne's Chapel, Frenchtown

Interment

Western Cemetery # 1
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands



Survivors

WIFE

Lena Greaux

SON

Stanley Greaux

DAUGHTER

Lorraine Turbe

BROTHER

Hubert Greaux

SISTER

Gertrude Greaux

SON-IN-LAW

Jean Turbe

DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

Kathryn Greaux

GRANDCHILDREN

*Shannon, Nathan, Nicholas & Melissa Greaux
Lisette Renfroe, Janine, Michael & Daniel Turbe*

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

Alexandra & Andreas Renfroe

GODCHILD

Julienne Greaux

SISTERS-IN-LAW

*Rita Greaux, Lillian Magras,
Eleanor Magrass & Juliana Greaux*

BROTHERS-IN-LAW

Axel Magrass, Edwin, Ralph, Renee & Augustine Quetel

COUSINS

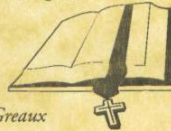
Val & Edward Greaux

NIECES

Rose-Marie d'Alexes, Sylviane & Elise Greaux

NEPHEWS

Soloure & Vianney Greaux





Eulogy

We have gathered today to celebrate the life, mourn the loss and bid farewell to Joseph Sebastien Greaux. He was one of four children born to Joseph and Bernadine Greaux on February 23, 1920 on the French island of St. Barths. His early life proved to be extremely difficult because of the loss of his parents and eldest brother by the age of 18. He served in the French Army in Guadeloupe, and after his tour of duty and faced with economic hardship in St. Barths, he moved to St. Thomas in 1942 to secure a better life. He held many jobs in his early days here including laborer and carpenter and later employment with the Navy detachment during World War II and the Pott Rum Distillery. He began employment in Frenchtown in 1945, beginning first at the Quetel grocery. After 19 years he moved to the Nomandie Bar for an additional 23 years. He met and married his loving wife, Lena in 1951. Last August we were all gathered here celebrating their 50th anniversary. Their union was blessed with two children, Lorraine and Stanley, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He loved music and became very professional at playing his tambourine. Who will forget the Frenchtown Troubadores as they moved through the village spreading holiday cheer. Additionally, they performed at receptions at Grand Hotel and Government House, entertained on WSTA Radio and at village socials.

He was a quiet man of action. He faced hardships with determination and confidence that things would eventually improve. He never shied away from hard work and his perseverance and strength of character was an inspiration for anyone who knew him. He was totally dedicated to his family and took pride providing for their every need. He was most happy spending time with his family and working at his home. Sebastien was a religious man relying on his strong faith when obstacles seemed insurmountable. He loved serving his church as an usher for many years.

After his retirement, he enjoyed traveling to visit his son and grandchildren in California, his brother and sister and their families in St. Barths, and the other islands in the Caribbean.

Sebastien has enjoyed a long, healthy life. A recent illness required hospitalization and surgery. While the surgery was successful, he was not to return to his family and home that he loved so dearly. A far better home had been secured for him. He departed this life suddenly on Divine Mercy Sunday and is resting peacefully in the Merciful arms of Jesus. His family and friends are left to mourn his loss, cherish our memories of him and follow the advice he so often gave - "Take courage" until we meet again "God willing."

May he rest in peace.