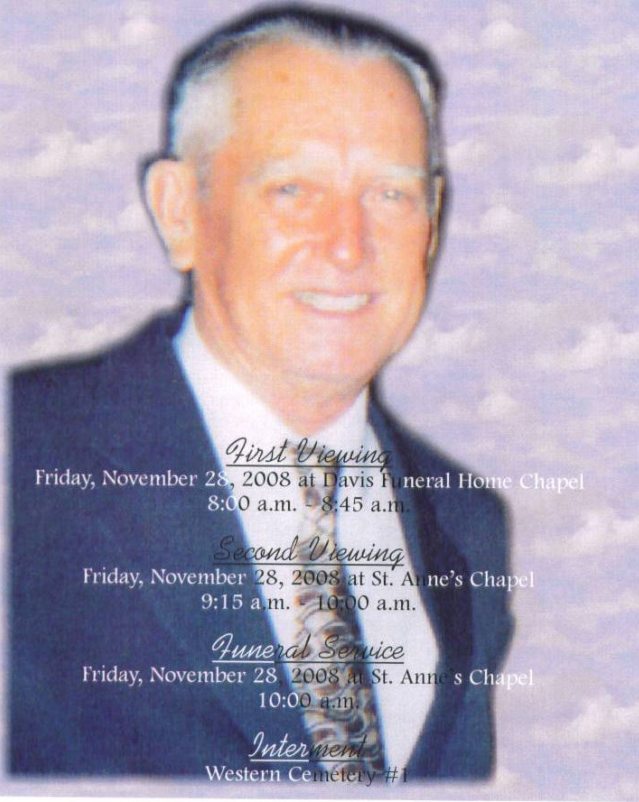


CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Louis Greaux

AUGUST 24, 1935 - NOVEMBER 23, 2008



First Viewing

Friday, November 28, 2008 at Davis Funeral Home Chapel
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Second Viewing

Friday, November 28, 2008 at St. Anne's Chapel
9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Funeral Service

Friday, November 28, 2008 at St. Anne's Chapel
10:00 a.m.

Interment

Western Cemetery #1

Louis Joseph Greaux

1935-2008

Louis Greaux, also known to his many friends as Louie or Quish, was born on August 24, 1935 in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to Octave and Marie Josephine Greaux. He attended Sts. Peter and Paul School and while studying he took a job at the Bambula and Christy's Clothing Store. After graduating, he continued at Sea Saga and then to Yacht Haven where he became involved in the marine supply business. He worked himself up to manager while saving what money he could after assisting his other siblings. Finally he was in a position to apply for an SBDA loan to purchase Island Marine Supply with his partner, Ralph. He was regarded with respect by the entire marine industry. He was awarded a plaque by SBDA for his good business practices, timely repayment of his loan and accurate record keeping. In 1985, he sold the business and retired to help his sisters with the care of his handicapped siblings.

In the late forties, young Louie was a Sea Explorer Scout with Ship No. 536 camping at Broom Stairs, traveling to nearby islands and helping residents when rising flood waters threatened to destroy what little possessions they had; and later, in the fifties, when issues that concerned his community were only talked about at bars or "by de fence", Louie and his friends joined a group of elders of Frenchtown and formed the "Frenchtown Civic Organization." They would set out to solve community problems from within and Louis was a soldier in those undertakings. He monitored and reported problems of residents, he delivered Thanksgiving baskets to the elderly and shut-in (an activity that he worked on all week and was scheduled for Sunday when the members got word of his terrible tragedy), he manned booths to raise funds to build a community center, a new church club house and make repairs to St. Anne's. He could be depended on to work at political campaigns and at the polls for his favorite candidate. On election day, the entire Greaux family were first in line at the polling place. He was deeply committed to his civic responsibilities. At bingo, Quish (Squishie) organized and prepared the center so that at 4 p.m. the drinks were cold, hot dogs were cooked and we were ready to start.

Louie enjoyed the sea and owned several boats that gave him many happy days at sea. The Bubble, Moby Dick, The Storm Breaker and The Sloop John B are among his favorites. Louie never missed a Carnival parade and participated from 1952 with Hank Quetel and

Pete Ledee and as recent as the 50th Anniversary of Carnival in 2002 with Moby Dick's entry of the "Rich and Famous."

Thirty years ago Louie met and married Claudia Fernandez, of Santo Domingo, and adopted her son, Christian, as his own. He was a dedicated husband and father and caring for his family was priority. He has since then spent many holidays and vacations in Puerto Rico and Santo Domingo with Claudia's family.

Louie's deep faith and his dedication to St. Anne's Church described what many would call a profoundly spiritual individual. He was an altar server, usher and choir member with a voice that shook the choir loft like an earthquake. This singing was not only limited to church, during the holidays and any other occasion when his spirit so moved, he and the fellows sang at Jack Shop and Normandie Bar and entertained the entire community. (His favorites: Some Enchanted Evening and I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen, and any Christmas carol we would request.)

We feel that his spirit lives on. It lives in the lives of the many he has helped, his family, his church, his organization, his community, his island. It lives in the work that this man started—work that continues through the French Heritage Museum, St. Anne's Church, the Frenchtown Community Center, his dedication to civil duty, his respect for law and order and his determination to leave this world better than he found it.

The good of Louis Greaux is not interred with his bones but springs forth in all these many ways.

Louie's life was not one lived on the sidelines, he was actually in the arena; he filled every minute of his life with us with sixty seconds worth of distance run.

I believe Louie must be in heaven—if he is not there, then there is no hope for Pete and me.

To say that he will be missed is a gross understatement. And as this community rallies together to help the Greaux family during their time of grief, we ponder how in this world we will begin to fill the tremendous void left by a man who was never too busy, never too tired and never absent.

Rest in peace, Quish



Survivors



Wife
Claudia Greaux

Son
Christian Louis Greaux

Grandchild
Franiel Yanell

Adopted Grandchild
Rubiely Yanell

Brothers
Julian Greaux, Andre Greaux & Edward Greaux

Sisters
Julianna Greaux, Henrietta Greaux & Elizabeth Greaux

Nieces
Josephine, Dorothy & Marie Greaux

Nephews
Andrew, Thomas, Stephen, Bernard & Christian Greaux

Many nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers

Stephen Richardson, Jerry Richardson, Roberto Caraballo
Edward Greaux, Christian Louis Greaux, Angel Madera

Honorary Pallbearers

Julian Greaux, Henry Richardson, Pete Ledee, Ralph Danet,
Allan Richardson, Jimmy Vante, Hank Quetel,
John "Pipe" Turbe, John C. Turbe