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In Loving Memory



Marie Juliana Gumbs

1916-2005

Funeral Service
Monday August 29, 2005

Service
10:00 AM
St. Anne's Chapel
Frenchtown
Officiant
Monsignor Jerome Feudjio

Interment
Western Cemetery No. 1



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Survivors

Sons

*John Lawrence Gumbs
Theodore Johnson, John Evan Gumbs
Gerald Felix Gumbs*

Daughter

Diana R. Gumbs

Daughters-In-Law

*Marianne Birch Gumbs
Sonja Nishimori Gumbs
Barbara Silva Gumbs
~~Rita Gumbs~~
Brother*

John C. Turbe

Sisters

*Ann Melanie Bernier
Emily Dorita Olive*

Sisters-In-Law

*Berthile Vante
Valentine Turbe
Leonie Gumbs*

Grandchildren

*Alfred L. Gumbs, Luana A. Lewis, Colin Gumbs, Brian Gumbs
Alison Gumbs, Daren Gumbs, Aaron Gumbs,
Garnet Amari, Gia Gumbs*

Great Grandchildren

*Brianda Gumbs, Luis Gumbs, Gavin Amari, Nicolo K. Amari
Gianni Amari, Tristan Amari, Lucas Fangon,
Logan Lewis, Maya Lewis, Aleya Lewis*

Pallbearers

*Theodore J. Gumbs, John Evan Gumbs, Gerald Felix Gumbs,
Colin Gumbs, Brian Gumbs, Christian Boschulte*

Ushers

Ermin Boschulte, Kathrine Cook

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Eulogy

Marie Juliana Gumbs was born in Frenchtown on December 31, 1916 of Parents who were born in St. Barths. Although her birth certificate reads the French name of Marie Juliana Turbe, she soon took on the name of Juliana as she is known to all today. She was the first of four children.

Her parents were Emile Theodore Turbe and Marie Turbe nee Magras. Emile was known as "Tee Coot". A name he receive based on his physique, and derived from the French word "petit" meaning small, and "court: meaning short. Marie was referred to as "Mahyut". In those days, just about everyone in Frenchtown had a nick name.

At an early age, Juliana displayed a natural ability to learn. She excelled in school, and graduated the top of her eight grade class In 1928. She thought herself to read and write French, and soon was able to communicate with relatives on St. Barths. As was customary in those days, girls did not continue on to high school. She remain at home and help the family

Juliana married Felix Gumbs on September 5 1937. The couple had five children. They had been married for 56 years when Felix passed away in 1993. The couple worked very hard to take care of their growing family in their modest home up on the hill in Frenchtown. But, along the way, they enjoy life the best they could. The couple were both excellent dancers, and were sight to behold on the few dance floor that existed in those days. Some popular spots were the Grand hotel and Caribbean Hotel. Their favorite musicians were Mr. "Lad" Richards and Mr. Randolph Phipps. On trips to Puerto Rico, their favorite spot was Caribe Hilton with Cesar Conception Performing.

Felix was Employed at La Garcia store for many years. The day came when Felix became the owner of the store. Juliana became very involved with the day to day operation of the business, and enhanced Felix's years of experience in the business. On March 20, 1971, The Daily News featured Juliana in their "With Women In Mind." section. The title was "Portrait of an Island Lady Juliana Gumbs".

In 1968 Juliana and Felix built a home and move to Scott Free. They enjoyed their new home but continued to cherish their friendship in Frenchtown visiting just about every day. Juliana and Felix soon made new friends in Scott free and established lifelong relationship.

In time, one of their neighbors came to be a Mr. Charles W. Turnbull whom they came to very well. A personal friendship grew, and has lasted to this day. Years later, Mr. Turnbull became Governor Charles W. Turnbull. Juliana always made a point to keep politics separate from friendship.

One special neighbor lived directly across the hill from them in Scott free. Her named is Mrs. Jeannette Mahoney. Mrs. Mahoney and Juliana checked on each other daily either by visiting, calling on the phone or simply looking across the hill at each others home to make sure everything was ok. Juliana's blessing continued when Ms. Doroley Dawson built a house right next door and moved in more recently. Thanks for being good neighbors and looking out for Juliana up on the "Hill".

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Juliana was quite the writer, and always promised to write a book of her life. The book was not completed, but she has left us with enough writings and poems to perhaps help to make this dream come true for her. One of Juliana's poems was published in the National Library of Poetry. The poem was about hurricane Marilyn, and is included in the souvenir booklet.

Juliana had other hobbies including gardening. She could make just about anything grow. Her home in Frenchtown and then in Scott Free were surrounded by many beautiful flowers, plants and fruit trees. Juliana also enjoyed singing to her grand children and great grand children. Just a few weeks ago she sang one of her favorite nursery rhymes over the phone to one of her great grandson all the way in California.

Juliana was very kind and caring person with an excellent business mind. She kept a calendar with all the families' birthday, Anniversaries and special days. She never forgot to send a card and a little gift to her loved ones.

The telephone was Juliana's greatest asset. Her life evolved around her phone calls. Apart from her family, she was in constant contact with her many friends. Pastor Edward F. Magrs and his wife Shalma were among many dear friends. They visited with her, prayed with her and gave her courage to move on. On their last visit with her Juliana said "tell all of my children I Love Them". Juliana has left us many "messages" about her love for us. Here's what she wrote in one of her Journals:

"To all of my family, who I loved very much... Especially my grandchildren... remember me as you read these words.

Grieve not

Nor speak of me with tears

But laugh and talk of me

As though I were beside you.

I loved you all, very much.

It was like heaven being here with you all

The lives of those who are faithful to

Thee Oh Lord are just changed not ended.

Don't feel sad, because I will be happy to meet with Dad once more

Love Mom"

Juliana spent a great deal of time, even in her very last weeks, praying, and looking at the Catholic Channel on TV. Her favorite speakers were Father Leo Clifford, and Mother Angelica. Her favorite local Priest was father Louie and Monsignor Jerome. Her favorite Hymns were "one day at a time", and in the garden".

Juliana's last days were spent at the Sea View nursing home where staff and management worked diligently to keep her comfortable.

"Jana", as Felix Fondly called her, is now in his presence.

May they both Rest In Peace