

A Celebration of The Life of
Attorney At Law
Maureen Theresa Magras



Sunrise September 26, 1958
Sunset September 4, 2007

Mass of Christian Burial
Saturday, September 8, 2007
9:30 a.m.
St. Isidore Catholic Church

Interment
Resurrection Cemetery at 1:00 p.m.



Eulogy

Maureen Theresa Magras was born to the late John "Sammie" Magras and Lillian Magras on September 26, 1958. She grew up in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands where she first attended Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School. She continued her education at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She received her Bachelor of Arts in English at Aquinas, where she was the Editor-In-Chief of the *Sunrise*, the student newspaper. It was also during this time she was enrolled in Lambda Iota Tau, the International Honor Society for English Majors and was selected to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

Grandmother Nulcia Quetel was Maureen's inspiration to pursue law. Grandmother and granddaughter would sit and watch Perry Mason together, but Gargie, as she was fondly called, told Maureen, "One day maybe you'll be just as good as Perry Mason." Maureen followed Gargie's advice and attended Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan. She graduated *Juris Doctor*, with a concentration in litigation in September 2002. One to only give her best, she maintained academic excellence and remained on the Dean's List during her attendance there. She was a participant in the Intra-School Moot Court Competition and was a member of the St. Thomas More Society. She was admitted to the Michigan Bar in January 2004. Maureen was admitted to the U.S. District Court Western District of Michigan in January 2005.

From May 2005, to the onset of her illness, Maureen ventured into solo practice of general law. She focused on criminal defense, and just before she fell ill, Maureen was assisting a disabled inmate whose case was destined to be argued before the Federal Court.

Among her other achievements, Maureen was a published poet and was a member of the American Poets Society. She shared her love for music with many; mastering classical guitar and the accordion. Her love of music allowed her to explore the keyboard, harmonica and various musical instruments. Maureen was very proud of her French Caribbean heritage and culture, and she loved her neighboring Cuban culture as well. A wealth of knowledge, Maureen always had information on little known Caribbean facts that she readily shared with everyone who had a question. Able to speak French and Spanish early in life, Maureen found that she had the ability to learn different languages quite easily. She could speak to an uncle in Italian and in the next moment switch to Arabic or Japanese to joke with a new found friend.

Maureen is survived by her loving mother, brothers and sisters. She will be truly missed by all.

Survivors

Mother: Mrs. Lillian Magras

Brothers: Jeffrey, Steven

Sisters: Kathleen, Theresa, and Sue.

Brothers in law: Antonia Church and Steve Campbell

Sisters in law: Denise Magras and Peggy Magras.

Nephews: Cameron & Avery Church, Andrae Monsanto

Nieces: Paris Weeks, Kaela Monsanto, Sabrina & Emma Campbell, Carlita Church

Special friends: Carla Johnson, Theresa Dieditch, Jackie Bernien, Michelle Oleson.

Pallbearers:

Steven Magras, Jeffrey Magras, Steve Campbell, Rob Antonacci,
Jean Greaux, and Mr. Larry Nolan, Esquire.