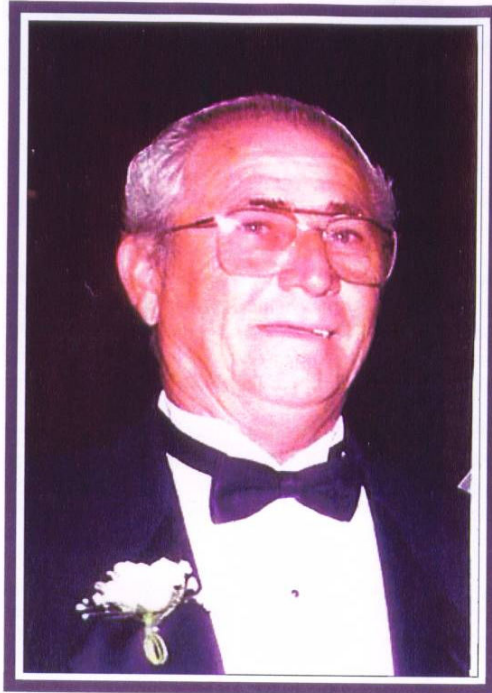


In Loving Memory



Ralph Guss John Quetel
October 22, 1940 - November 9, 2008

Funeral Mass
Friday, November 21, 2008
St. Anne's Chapel
10:00am

Interment
Western Cemetery #1

Eulogy

Ralph Guss John Quetel was born on October 22, 1940, the seventh of ten children to the late Nulcia and Gustave Quetel. At age six he attended first grade at Saints Peter and Paul School. In June, 1955, after successfully completing grammar school he was awarded his diploma. He left school in the tenth grade.

Ralph started dating Elizabeth in high school with Sunday afternoon boating trips as part of their courting. On June 6, 1963 they were married at St. Anne's Chapel here in Frenchtown. Their union brought forth four children: Mark, Yvonne, Carolyn, and Matthew. In June of this year they celebrated their 45th Anniversary.

Throughout his lifetime, Ralph maintained involvement in various community-oriented endeavors. As a young boy he served as an altar boy at St. Anne's Chapel. Ralph was also a member of the Scout Troup Sea Explorers #536, attending its Navy Week Program at the U.S. Naval Station in San Juan, PR. In addition he was a member of the "Rangers" softball team formed by the Sea Explorers as well as the Apaches Softball Team Club here in Frenchtown.

After leaving school he immediately went to work at Maison Danois. In April 1960 he started to work at Chase Manhattan Bank as a teller and moved up through the ranks as Assistant Manager in the Accounting Department. He was awarded an Outstanding Employee Award from Chase Manhattan Bank (Iceplant Staff) before his retirement in December, 1994. Additionally Ralph was awarded an Award of Merit in the field of banking at the French Heritage Celebration on July 14, 1998 by Governor Roy L. Schneider, M.D. After his retirement from the bank, Ralph found other ways of occupying himself. He would go once a week to the presbytery to count and roll the Sunday's Mass offerings and deposit it all at the bank. He later kept busy by becoming a lottery dealer.

Ralph was very fond of music and played various instruments, including drums/bongos, accordion, squash, tambourine and triangle. He particularly enjoyed the steel pan, however, and joined a steel pan band group from Frenchtown, playing on Water Island, UDT, and the Hilton Hotel. He was even asked to play the "Our Father" in the Cathedral on his steel pan. He enjoyed playing with his father in the Frenchtown Troubadours. In his later years Ralph practiced his vocal talents with such local groups as Smalls & The Merry Makers, Jamesie & The Happy Seven, and with Richard Berry's Scratch band. When asked what was his singing name, he replied, "The Mighty Sandfly", with a big grin on his face. As a member of the Bon Temps Club he enjoyed many camping trips on Norman Island.

In September of 2006, Ralph suffered a massive stroke which signaled the beginning of his medical problems. He recuperated well from the stroke, taking his daily walks to build up his strength. Recently, when Ralph complained of shortness of breath, test results indicated a need to seek medical care off-island. Despite the efforts of the doctors at the University of Miami Hospital, Ralph's health continued to decline. On November 9th at approximately 9:30pm, with his wife and children at his bedside, Ralph departed this life.

He will be incredibly missed by his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Order of Service

Liturgical/Ministers
Celebrant *Fr. Neil Scantlebury*
Sacristan/Acolyte *Clement Danet*
Organist *Courtney Reese*
Altar Servers *Daniel Turbe, Danielle Olive*
Joshua Gibs
Eulogy *Irene Greaux*
Processional Hymn *Blessed Assurance*
First Reading *Brenda Gibs* *Wisdom 4:7-14*
Responsorial Psalm *Anthony Cerge*
Second Reading *Lisa Querrard* *Romans 5:5-11*
Gospel
Homily
Prayers of the Faithful
Offertory Hymn *Sofily and tenderly*
Presentation of Gifts *Matthew & Carolyn*
Eucharistic Prayer
Communion Hymn *Hear Oh Lord*
Final Commendation and Farewell
Recessional Hymn *How Great Thou Art*

Survivors

Wife: *Elizabeth A. Quetel*
Sons: *Mark, Matthew*
Daughters: *Yvonne, Carolyn*
Son in Law: *Christopher Olive*
Daughters in Law: *Jennifer, LeChelle*
Grandchildren: *Cassandra Quetel, Celina Edwards, Danielle & Michele Olive,*
Gabrielle & Adrienne Quetel, Amari & Adari Hector
Uncle: *Amor Quetel*
Brothers: *Edwin, Rene, Augustin Quetel, Axel Magras*
Sisters: *Lena Greaux, Lillian Magras*
Sisters in Law: *Cecile, Priscilla, Florence, Valerie, Bernadette Quetel, Marie Magras,*
Emma Greaux
Brothers in Law: *Clement Magras, Edwin T., Albert, Antonio Quetel & William Greaux*
Godchildren: *Jeffrey Magras, Robert Picayo, ^{Sonia} Caesy*
Many other Nieces, Nephews & Friends.