

*Service In Loving  
Memory of*



*Mrs. Michel Refuse Born Marie Jean-Baptiste*

**Sunrise**

*August 4, 1935*

**Sunset**

*February 17, 2013*

*Service*

Saturday, February 23, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

**New Haitian Church of God**

322 Sanford Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

## Order of Service

Officiating Pastor .....	Rev. Wesner Pepe
Opening Selection .....	Brother Roland Jean
Opening Invocation .....	Rev. Pomphilus Othelot
Solo .....	Sister Ilacia Louis
Scripture Reading .....	Brother Herve Theodat
First Selection .....	Ladies Ministry Newark COG
Remarks .....	Fritzner Lysse (Son)
Second Selection .....	Youth of Newark Haitian Church of God
Obituary...Cassandre and Jodacie Deroze (Granddaughter and husband)	
Third Selection.....	Gideons of Newark Haitian COG
Scripture Reading .....	Sister Louisine Eliassaint
Eulogy .....	Rev. Wesner Pepe
Closing Selection .....	Brother Roland Jean
Closing Prayer .....	Rev. Wesner Pepe
Blessing .....	Rev. Pomphilus Othelot

### Interment

Saintoire Delavannour Cemetery  
Jacmel, Haiti

*Repast/Reception Immediately following at  
Newark Haitian Church of God  
322 Sanford Avenue, Newark, NJ 07106*

## Obituary

**Sister Marie Joicilia Jean-Baptiste**, also recognized as Madan Michel, was born in Jacmel, one of the most popular tourist destinations in Haiti on August 4, 1935, to the late Mr. & Mrs. Delpe Jean Baptiste. Madan Michel was the third of five children Dejani Jean Baptiste, Joel Jean-Baptiste, and Oatis Jean Baptiste.

While living in Haiti, Madan Michel grew to be a well-known merchant who sold food to local commuters. She was married to Michel Refuse, who passed in 1995. Through hard work and perseverance, she raised enough money to take care of her family, consisting of her two children, Fritzner Lysse and Chantal Jean-Baptiste, and other members of the family. After many years of running a successful business, upon request from the family, she decided to move to the United States. While living with relatives, she took care of her grandchildren and great grandchildren with love and patience. She was a very gracious woman who was concerned about the needs of others.

Furthermore, she became a member of the Newark Haitian Church of God, and there she found God and a loving family. As she served God, she grew profoundly as a believer, being known for her passionate praise unto the Lord. Her faith was built on hearing these words one day, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” She was one who gave good advice and had a good sense of humor. She endured hardness as a good soldier and felt that it was time to go rejoice with the Lord.

Madan Michel is survived by her two children and their spouses, Fritzner Lysse and his wife, Francoinise Lysse from Newark, and Chantal Colas and husband, Mark Colas in Jacmel, Haiti and nine grandchildren, Mireille Fanor (and husband, Claude Cadet), Maxo Colas, Junior Colas, Joanne Colas, Herby Colas, Peterson Colas, Cassandre Lysse Derose (and husband, Jodacien Derose), Jason Lysse, and Samuel Lysse; great grandchildren, Kervins Cadet, Daphne Colas and Jeremiah Derose; niece and nephews, Wilbert, Gesner, Anette from Jacmel, Haiti. She is also survived by many other family members, friends, and fellow church members.

God has called our great grandmother, our grandmother, our mother, our friend, our teacher, our counselor, our partner in prayer and wonderful role model on February 17, 2013. She will be greatly missed. Sis Marie, Mom, Grandma, Madan Michel, we really love you.

## *Song #1*

- 1 Mon Dieu, plus près de toi,  
Plus près de toi!  
C'est le mot de ma foi :  
Plus près de toi!  
Dans le jour où l'épreuve  
Déborde comme un fleuve,  
Garde-moi près de toi,  
Plus près de toi.
- 2 Plus près de toi, Seigneur  
Plus près de toi!  
Tiens-moi dans ma douleur  
Tout près de toi!  
Alors que la souffrance  
Fait son oeuvre en silence  
Toujours plus près de toi,  
Seigneur, tiens-moi.
- 3 Plus près de toi, toujours  
Plus près de toi!  
Donne-moi ton secours  
Soutiens ma foi!  
Que Satan se déchaîne  
Ton amour me ramène  
Toujours plus près de toi,  
Plus près de toi.
- 4 Mon Dieu, plus près de toi,  
Dans le désert!  
J'ai vu, plus près de toi  
Ton ciel ouvert!  
Pèlerin, bon courage!  
Ton chant brave l'orage.  
Mon Dieu, plus près de toi,  
Plus près de toi.

## *Song #2*

- 1 Étranger sur la terre,  
Je marche avec bonheur  
Vers la maison du Père,  
Vers la demeure où m'attend le Seigneur.  
Vers la maison du Père,  
Vers la demeure où m'attend le Seigneur.

### Refrain

Oh! quand sera-ce  
Que face à face,  
Pour toujours près de toi,  
Je te verrai, mon Roi?

- 2 C'est là qu'au chant des anges,  
Pendant l'éternité,  
J'unirai mes louanges  
Pour donner gloire à sa fidélité.  
J'unirai mes louanges  
Pour donner gloire à sa fidélité.

- 3 C'est là, devant le trône,  
Qu'avec tous les élus  
Je prendrai ma couronne,  
Pour la jeter à tes pieds, ô Jésus!  
Je prendrai ma couronne,  
**J** Pour la jeter à tes pieds, ô Jésus!

- 4 Ainsi, plein dallégresse,  
Conduit par ton amour,  
Je veux marcher sans cesse,  
Ô mon Sauveur! vers ton divin séjour.  
Je veux marcher sans cesse,  
Ô mon Sauveur! vers ton divin séjour.

## Acknowledgement

We, the family and the Newark Haitian Church of God would like to cease the opportunity to express our deepest appreciation for everyone that showed concern by your calls, your prayers and your support as we celebrate the life of Marie Jean-Baptiste.

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