

Mom's Message

Now that I am gone,
remember me with smiles and laughter.

And if you need to cry,
cry with your brother or sister
who walks in grief beside you.

And when you need me,
put your arms around anyone
and give to them what you need to give to me.

There are so many who need so much.

I want to leave you something --
something much better than words or sounds.

Look for me in the people I've known
or helped in some special way.

Let me live in your heart
as well as in your mind.

You can love me most
by letting your love reach out to our loved ones,
by embracing them and living in their love.

Love does not die, people do.
So, when all that's left of me is love,
give me away as best you can.



Acknowledgements

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.



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In Loving Memory of



Gyslène Basile

Sunrise
July 28, 1934

Sunset
May 28, 2013

Service

Saturday, June 8, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

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218-19 105th Avenue • Queens Village, New York 11429

Obituary

Marie Gyslène Virta Philogène - Basile was born in Port- de- Paix, Haiti on July 28, 1934. She was the eldest daughter of eight children born to Marceline & Velvyr Philogène (both deceased). In 1957, she married Paul Gerard Basile and to this union God blessed eight children.

Gyslène attended Les Seour de LaSagess Primary School in Port- de- Paix, and later moved to Port -Au- Prince, Haiti where she obtained her nursing degree at L'ecole National des Infirmières. She later continued her nursing education at Columbia University, in N.Y.

In 1969, Gyslène was the first member of her family to immigrate to the United States. She worked as a registered nurse at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospital in Manhattan, NY. She later became a traveling nurse where she resided in France and Switzerland for many years. After 15 years overseas, she returned to N.Y. where she worked as a private duty pediatric nurse. She retired from nursing in 1996.

"Maman Fifie", as she was known, was a true pioneer. Upon her arrival to New York City, she took personal responsibility in ensuring that her family back home was taken care of. Her greatest concern was to provide an opportunity for the betterment of her family. She created a family stream of immigration from Haiti into New York that began with her spouse and followed with her mother, siblings, then spouses and children. Her determination to reach back and pull her roots forward, not only created hope but inspired individual drive. Maman Fifie always took great pride in her family's accomplishments and celebrated the milestones and successes that she was blessed to witness. She never took credit for the foundation she laid; she only praised her family for what they achieved.

Maman Fifie was the nucleus that held family together, and to her, family was not defined by blood relation. She loved and cared for everyone and always sought to make you feel at home. She was a great listener and encourager. She was a trusted counselor who was last to pass judgment. She focused on character strengths, as opposed to character flaws. She was passionate about helping others and never sought anything in return. Maman Fifie opened up her home (the big white house) and her heart to all and for this she will always be remembered.

Maman Fifie was a true romantic who loved "*the finer things in life*". She enjoyed French music, fine cuisine and sharing stories of her worldly travels. She enjoyed life and wanted to share all she had with everyone she came in contact with. God truly sent the world an Angel.

As Maman Fifie's journey ends, she leaves her memories to be cherished and her great legacy to continue.

She survived by: her husband, Paul G. Basile; children, Liliane (Serge) Jean- Louis, Patrick Basile, Paul Basile Jr. (pre-deceased), Danielle (Erbe) Bazile, Ronald Basile, Sandra Basile, Sacha Basile and Natacha (Bryce) Jocelyn; step-daughters, Marie Yolene Bernadel, Violette Basile; grandchildren, Sergio, Christina, Cassandra, Elijah, Ericka, Daniel, Brandon, Steven, Justyn, Jada, Madison, Whitney, Chase, Reginald, Andy, Malorie, Clarence, Fabiola and Marc Renel; great- grandchildren, Mason, Kaylin and Brookelynn; siblings, Laurette, Marie Ange, Islande, Max, Fritz, Karl (pre-deceased), Roger, Ulrick, Marie, Ketlyn and Gerta; Aunt, Tante Cereste and her beloved Katou and Sydney. She also leaves a loving host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends.

Order of Service

Introduction

Entrance

Kyrie

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Universal Prayer

Offertory

Sanctus

Elevation

Anamnesis

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Agnus Dei

Communion

Post Communion (Ave Maria)

Eulogy

Absolution

Dismissal

Interment

Pinelawn Memorial Park
Farmindale, New York