

*In Loving Memory of*



*Anne Marie Neree*

*Sunrise*

July 17, 1923

*Sunset*

March 21, 2015

Service

Friday, March 27, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

**HOLY NAME CATHOLIC CHURCH**

207 W. 96th Street • New York, NY 10027

## *Obituary*

**Ms. Anne Marie Neree** entered this world on July 17, 1923 to proud and elated parents, Mr. Previlus Neree and Ms. Fanelia Turin in the city of Cape Haitian in Haiti. Anne Marie enjoyed all the privileges of being an only child with devoted parents. She completed her primary and secondary education in the private schools of Cape Haitian. Upon completion of her formal education, she joined Haiti's organized army guard group "Mary Jane 57", where she helped to keep the citizens of the country safe from vigilante militant groups.

Anne Marie married her first husband, Mr. Jean Vergniaud Gauthier at the age of 23, and went on to have her only child, Mr. Michel Gauthier whom she in turn doted on as well. Anne Marie's strict moral values, paired with being the endless romantic who strongly believed in the sanctity of marriage, went on to marry two more times, after the death of Jean.

Anne Marie was an avid and strict religious follower of God, the Saints and the Catholic Church. She practiced her faith with much devotion and enjoyed sharing the gospel with family and friends. Anne Marie attended mass every Sunday until her health would not allow her to do so. One of her favorite pass time activities, was to visit various churches in the five boroughs of New York City. She celebrated the Sabbath and Eucharist in lavish dresses and style. She strongly believed the Lord deserved only the best from her!

Family and Friends were Anne Maire's delight and source of true happiness. She actively participated in the raising and care of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She provided the love of a grandmother unconditionally and with much tenderness. Distance was the only obstacle which stood in her way of being more of a mother figure to all members of her family. She extended this same generosity of her love to others, by remaining in constant contact and sending financial support to friends left behind in Haiti after she immigrated to the United States.

Anne Marie entered the United States of America on August 15, 1976 after her son successfully petitioned for her entrance to the US. She applied herself diligently in this new chapter of her life, to establish life in her new homeland. She worked as a Home Health Aide for twenty plus years, caring for families during times of need and through ailments. Many of her clients became like family too. Anne Marie became a citizen of the United States in 1984. She strongly believed in the American dream and wanted to be identified as an American. Anne Marie sent for her mother, Fanelia Turin, shortly after, and she was able to reciprocate doting love onto her, until her passing in 1994.

Anne Marie is survived by: her son, Mr. Michel Gauthier, (daughter-in-law, Mrs. Teresita Gauthier); grandchildren, Ms. Evelyne Gauthier, Ms. Danielle Gauthier, (grandson-in-law, Mr. Mackinley Moise), Mr. Michel V. Gauthier, and Ms. Maniche Gauthier; great-grandchildren, Erick L. Salomon, Mirocheclavia Salomon, Vladimir Moise, Aucarvio Moise, Gyelle Moise, Dominique O. Gauthier, and Diorre M. Gauthier; and by numerous loving relatives and friends.

Anne Marie went to her final resting place to be with the Lord, on March 21, 2015. She will continue to live vibrantly in our loving memories of her evermore.

Anne Marie leaves behind a legacy of hard work, unconditional love, strong religious faith, hope, ability to overcome adversity, unrelenting strong will and sophisticated style. Anne Marie was the true definition of a complete and proper lady!

# *Order of Funeral Mass*

Entrance Song and Blessing.....“The King of Love”

Scripture Readings

Responsorial Psalm 23.....“Shepherd Me, O God”

Gospel Acclamation.....“Alleluia”

Gospel Reading

Homily

Preparation of the Altar.....“Ave Maria”

Preface Dialogue

Sanctus.....“Holy, Holy”

Eucharistic Prayer

Our Father

Sharing of Peace

Agnus Dei.....“Lamb of God”

Holy Communion.....“On Eagle’s Wings”

Eulogy

Closing Prayers and Commendation

Closing Hymn.....“Amazing Grace”

*Interment*

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# Phenomenal Woman

By Maya Angelou

Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.  
I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size  
But when I start to tell them,  
They think I'm telling lies.  
I say,  
It's in the reach of my arms,  
The span of my hips,  
The stride of my step,  
The curl of my lips.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.  
I walk into a room  
Just as cool as you please,  
And to a man,  
The fellows stand or  
Fall down on their knees.  
Then they swarm around me,  
A hive of honey bees.  
I say,  
It's the fire in my eyes,  
And the flash of my teeth,  
The swing in my waist,  
And the joy in my feet.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.  
Men themselves have wondered  
What they see in me.  
They try so much  
But they can't touch  
My inner mystery.  
When I try to show them,  
They say they still can't see.  
I say,  
It's in the arch of my back,  
The sun of my smile,  
The ride of my breasts,  
The grace of my style.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.  
Now you understand  
Just why my head's not bowed.  
I don't shout or jump about  
Or have to talk real loud.  
When you see me passing,  
It ought to make you proud.  
I say,  
It's in the click of my heels,  
The bend of my hair,  
the palm of my hand,  
The need for my care.  
'Cause I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.

## Acknowledgement

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