

*In Loving Memory of*



*Carmel*



*Noel*

*Sunrise*  
*October 11, 1931*

*Sunset*  
*May 9, 2016*

*Mass*  
*Saturday, May 14, 2016 - 9:30 a.m.*

**ST. PIUS X ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

24 Changebridge Road • Montville, New Jersey 07045

*Rev. Fr. Peter Wierzbicki, Officiating*

The Life and Times of  
*Carmel Noel*

Loving Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt

Born in Birch Grove, St. Andrew's Grenada, a picturesque village in the middle of the island known for its hard-working, friendly people.

The first born of the late Peter "Vivian" Ruffin and Veronica "Annie Ruffin," Carmel shone as a smart, outgoing child, who loved the written word. She read everything – in those days, the books available in Grenada were mainly from England, some from the United States. As she grew into a young woman, she especially loved poetry and French Literature. She was also quite the talker and an inventive storyteller, able to keep friends and family on the edge of their seats with the elaborate and suspenseful endings of her tales.

By her early teens, she showed signs of a mental sensitivity, which caused her parents some concern and caused them to be overly protective of her. They wrapped her in love and community, prayers and education. She received a solid education at St. Joseph's convent in St. George's, Grenada.

She married Denis Noel in 1956 at the age of twenty-five. She bore seven children, losing her first born in infancy. The death of her baby took its toll on her and years later she talked about his loss with earnest longing.

She travelled to the US in 1967 and settled in Brooklyn, New York into a large, loving Grenadian community. In spite of her lovely, joyful spirit, she struggled to handle and manage her life. After years of being misdiagnosed, the puzzle was finally solved when her children insisted on further tests. She was diagnosed with bi-polar disorder. With proper treatment, and always with a loving family at her side, Carmel Noel, found her true gift as a caregiver for the young, ill daughter of a friend on Long Island.

But what was most important to Carmel was her own family and she made a very important choice: she concentrated on being the best mother and a grandmother she could be – making up for the time lost when, she was misdiagnosed and was unwell. She became the perfect grandmother playing an important role in the raising of her eldest grandchildren.

She moved to Jersey City, NJ in 1987 with her daughter, Yvette, and her family, then eventually to Towaco, NJ, in 2001.

In 2004, she entered Wayne Manor Nursing Home in Wayne, NJ where she flourished as one of the youngest residents. She continued her avid reading, attending to her plants and making friends very quickly.

She moved to nearby Regency Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in 2008 where her "squad" was legendary, adopting the nickname The Ratpack. They were four feisty, strong women, who spoke their minds and excelled at bingo. She was the Sammy Davis of the group. Go figure.

Carmel Noel was spared of most physical ailments until last year and used her gift of good health to concentrate on nourishing her big heart and the most caring, giving spirit. She was well loved and leaves a complete village to carry on her legacy of seeing the good in every situation, rising above the pitfalls and loving unconditionally.

Her mourning village includes her siblings: Helen, Willis, Carmelita (Little Carmel), and Francis Ruffin, Maria, Justin and Derrick Farray and Nugent Smith; children, Yvonne Noel, Trevor Noel, Yvette Noel-Schure, Denzil Noel, Yoland Marva Ugorji and Jean Noel; sons-in-law, David Schure and Chidi Ugorji; daughter-in-law, Pamela Noel; sisters-in-law, Catherine, Gwendolyn, Stella and Agnes Ruffin, Helen Farray and Shelia Smith; grandchildren, Zaneta, Trevor, Jr., Michael, Tichina, Denzil, Jr., Leon, Carzi, Micah, Milan, Denzil, III, Shazil, Jasmine, Zion, Tunisia, Kaya, Simone, Oluchi and Noah; bonus daughters, Kirl, Kayo and Shirley-Ann; many nieces and nephews, including Raffie, Erma, Marilyn, Nicole, Kira, Vanessa, Karen, Devon, Gale, Alpha, Jeanette, Jaclyn, June, Linzy, Valon, Lindon, Candy and Carol; great-grandchildren, Zamazi, Elijah, Kinya-Rae, Keiana, Ryusei, Kamden, Kali and Rayne; special cousins, Cossil Lewis Germaine Charles, Jean Celestine, Josephine St. Hillaire and Winnie Charles and The Lewis, Gittens, Celestine, Wall, Wilson, Antoine and Charles families.

Her brothers, Denis and Diony Ruffin, her husband, Denis Noel, her baby son, Aubrey and her great-grand children, Kenneth Trevor and Lillian Noel, preceded Carmel Noel in death.

In memory of the loving heart of Carmel Noel, we pray that each and everyone will dedicate themselves to performing at least one act of daily kindness in her name.

Lovingly submitted by the family...

# *Funeral Mass*

*Rev. Fr. Peter Wierzbicki, Officiant*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greetings

Entrance Procession and Song ..... “Ava Maria”

Opening Prayers

## LITURGY OF THE WORLD

1st Reading ~ Wisdom ..... Zaneta Romney-Thomas

Responsorial Psalm (Sung)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ From The Letter of St. John ..... Michael Schure

Alleluia

Gospel

Homily

Intercessions

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts: Song ..... “Blessed Assurance”

Procession with Gifts ..... Jean Noel, Marva Ugorji, Leon Deeges, Tichina Noel

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung)

Acclamation at the Consecration; (Sung)

Great Amen

Rite of Communion

Our Father: Chant

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God: (Sung)

Holy Communion: Song ..... “I Am The Bread of Life”

Prayer after Communion

Meditation ~ “How Great Thou Art” ..... Neil Scibelli

Obituary ..... Silently Read

Eulogy ..... Yvette Noel Schure

## FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation to Prayer

Farewell Prayer

Prayer of Commendation

Recessional Hymn ..... “When We All Get To Heaven”

*You are invited to join us for the repast immediately following the funeral mass at 1 Blaier Street, Towaco, N.J. We appreciate your support in this time of need and we love you. “All is well.”*

*In the end, only three things matter: how much  
you loved, how gently you lived, and how  
gracefully you let go of things not meant for you.*

*-Buddha*

*Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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