

Jean-François Gerard Gatorze

Sunrise: March 1, 1971 Sunset: August 1, 2016

<u>Service</u> Thursday, August 11, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

ASCENSION RC CHURCH 221 W. 107th Street • New York, NY

Obituary



Jean-François Gatorze and his wife, Nora Salazar opened La Toulousaine in January 2012. Jean-François is a French Pastry Chef who was raised in a Bakers Family in the region of Toulouse (South of France). He came to New York to continue the original French pâtissier methods of his father and grandfather. After working in several bakeries, he decided to open his own business in 2012.

La Toulousaine is the first original French Boulangerie to launch in the

Manhattan Valley (Upper West Side). It is already famous in the neighborhood for its fresh pastries and delicious breads.

At an early age, Jean-François was real passionate with music. Jean-Françios had exceeding skills in playing piano and even took first place in a piano contest that was held in Toulouse, France. He enjoyed listening to Rock n Roll music, such greats as Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and The Beatles. Of course his favorite was Nougaro, a French composer from Toulouse, and the great Georges Brassens, whose romantic songs he loved to sing. He also won a *medaille* in Rugby in his early twenties.

Jean-François leaves behind to mourn: his wife, Nora Gatorze; his father, Jean-Claude Gatorze; his mother, Francoise; two sisters, Sonia and Veronique; his son, Luc Gatorze; and a host of family and good friends.

Rest in Peace. You will be missed. Chef Jean-François Gatorze

Funeral Mass

Gathering Hymn

Greeting

Processional

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Responsorial

Second Reading

Gospel

Remarks

Prayer of Comfort

Commendation

Recessional

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory Chester, New York

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

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

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