

In Loving Memory of

Bonnie Laurenceau

Sunrise

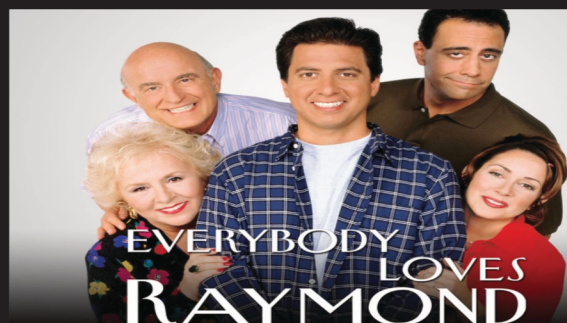
October 27, 1924



Sunset

January 1, 2021

Saturday, January 9, 2021
Viewing - 10:00 a.m. /Service - 12:00 Noon
Ebenezer Crusade Church
281 Utica Ave., Brooklyn, New York



Obituary

Bonnie Laurenceau was born on October 27th, 1924 in Saint-Marc, Haiti to Josilus Laurenceau and Oramise Michel. Her father was an active member of the “gendarmerie” in Saint-Marc during the time of her birth. She grew up alongside her siblings Kausta, Edert, and Roger in Jacmel, where her parents were originally from.

At the age of 12, her mother succumbed to her battle with pneumonia. Bonnie took the responsibility of taking care of her siblings, which meant sacrificing her own education. To make ends meet, she became a seamstress and started selling handmade clothes at open markets. This caused Bonnie to gain an interest in the world of business.

In her late 30s, she met her former late-husband, Gerard, and got married in Jacmel. After a few years of marriage, they moved to Port-au-Prince in order to find better work opportunities. While living there, Bonnie gave birth to her only daughter Carline. That was one of her best moments in life since Bonnie longed in having children.

Her younger sister Kausta passed away during childbirth in the 1970s, which affected her greatly. She was a family-oriented person and her house, although with limited living space, was opened to accommodate everyone. Her home was always full of people, nieces, and nephews, or other children that she would take under her protection. Her love for cooking was immeasurable, on Sunday, her only day off, and on Holidays she would cook food and share it with her neighbors. She was always spreading love to others.

When she lived in Port-au-Prince, Bonnie also owned a successful grocery store at Croix des Bossales. Unfortunately in 1988, thugs erupted in her store during the night and put it on fire, she stood helplessly as she witnessed all her hard work and sacrifices disappear in flames. She lost everything that she worked so hard for. Thanks to her seriousness and the trust that she had gained from the big importers (Bigio, Brandt, Madsen, and others) and with no access to banking credit she was able to rebuild, to get back on her feet, and to prosper once again.

She moved to New York in the 1990s where she lived with her daughter and her family. Bonnie played a big role in raising her three grandchildren when Carline and her husband worked long hours to provide for the family while both attended College. She would make sure they wake up on time for school and cook for them. She even took her granddaughter to dance lessons by bus or taxi when Carline was scheduled to work. She loved seeing everyone in the house happy.

Her faith was one of the most important things in her life. She was a very active member of the Gospel Crusade Church and Cohorte Sentinelle which she considered as her second family and she enjoyed their unconditional support until her death. She always made an effort not to miss out on church rain or snow and never goes a day without praying and giving grace to God.

Bonnie was known to many as Tatie and by some as Man Ninie. She is survived by her daughter Carline, her son-in-law Herve, her three grandchildren Jeffrey, Jerry, and Alisha, her two brothers Edert and Roger, her many nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and family.

Bonnie has lived a great life and is now in the hands of God. Tatie, you will always be in our hearts.

Order of Service

Processional

Musical Prelude

Opening Song Selections by Service Director: Past. Jean Fanfan Souffrant

Opening Prayer: Past. Yves Loiseau

Lecture: Past. Marc Jean-Baptiste: 1 Cor. 15: 51-58

Special Song Selection: Je ne sais pas le jour ou je verrai mon Roi (251 CEF)

Greetings by Evang. Frantz Delva

Musical Performances:

Song Selection: Dames Missionnaire

Song Selection: Sis. Florence Domond

Instrumental Selection: Sis.

Eulogy; Family Member

Stephanie Boyer

2nd. Lecture: Psalm 90: Bro. Jeff Loiseau

Instrumental Selection: The Gospel Crusade Band

Prayer: Past. Luckner Mangnant

Words of Encouragement: Past. Noe Jean-Baptiste

Final Prayer: Past. Jean-Claude Altima

Benediction: Past. Marc Jean-Baptiste

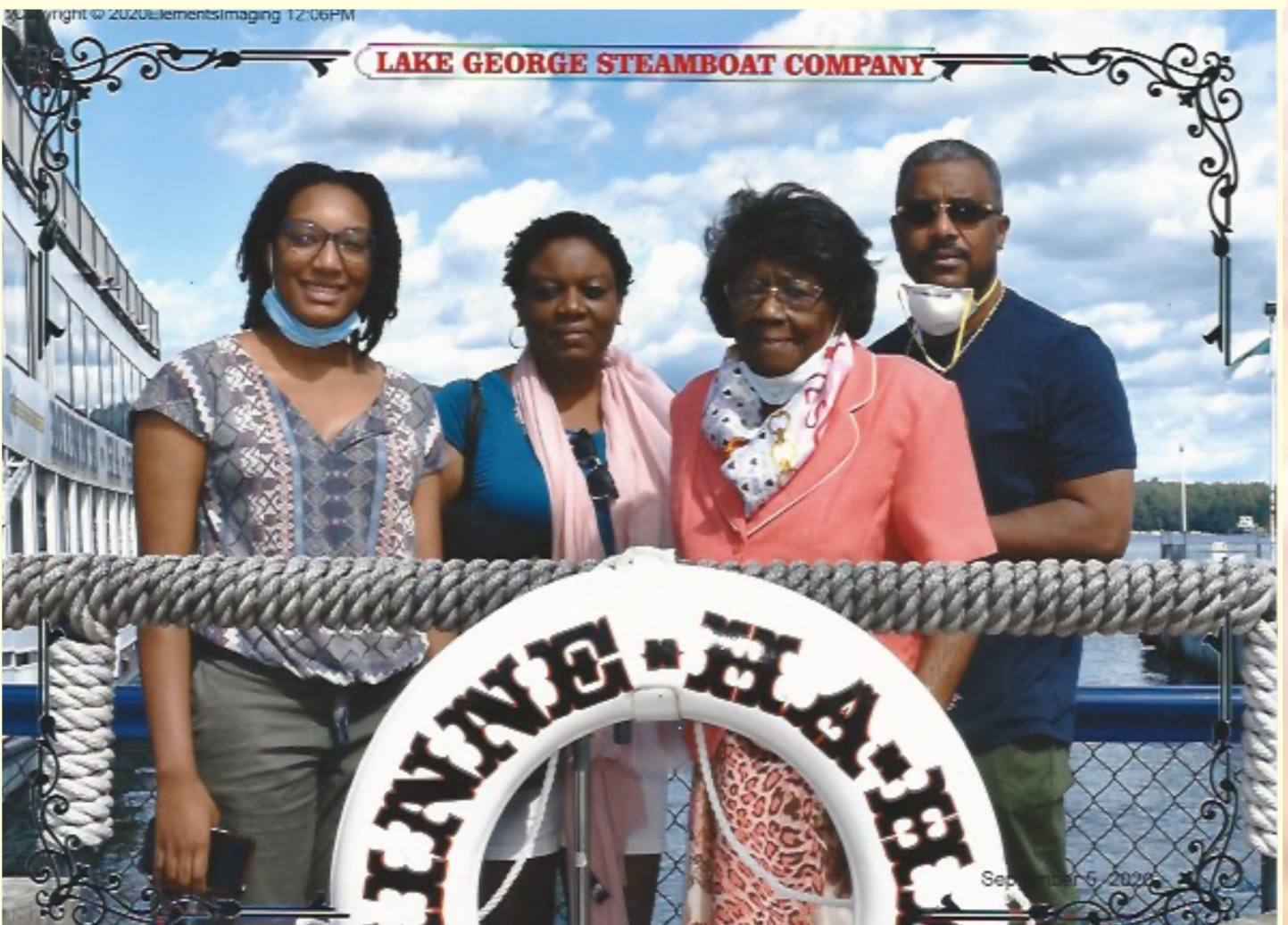
Recessional

Interment
Pine Lawn Cemetery
Farmingdale, 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!

Acknowledgements

The family would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends for their well wishes, words of comfort, prayers and other acts of kindness during this time of sorrow.

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