



Carry On My Children

*Carry on my children
And do not weep.
For today is not the end
But instead the beginning.
Carry on my children
You must be strong
For I am home with the Lord
And I am free from all that ails me.
Carry on my children
And keep my memory alive Remember our
laughter
And all the joys we shared.
So until we meet again
Carry on my dear children
For one day we will all be free.*

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Marie Eliane LaCroix** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

In Loving Memory of

Marie Eliane LaCroix

July 1, 1937 - December 4, 2021



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church

116 6th Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11215

Fr. Pascal Louis, Officiating

Obituary

Marie Eliane LaCroix was born on July 1, 1937, in Haiti, WI. Haiti is known as a vibrant island that is rich in culture and beauty full of picturesque landforms, colorful gardens, and an abundance of waterfalls and beaches. It is no wonder that Haiti was the proud birth land of a gorgeous, vibrant, and lively soul like Marie. Marie may have left the beautiful island of Haiti, but her heart never did. Marie, who was born in Thomonde to Armand Lafalaise and Clairzanna Bernard, was the youngest of seven children. Her six siblings - Victane, Elizane, Alius, Majeste, Charloius, and Anilia - had all predeceased her.

She completed her elementary education at St. Joseph a parochial school in Thomonde and then she moved to Port-Au-Prince, where she completed her secondary education. For most of her life she practiced her trade as a businesswoman and entrepreneur in Haiti. She married Franklin Benjamin and they had three daughters, Marlene, twins Carole and Caroline. She immigrated to the United States in 1970 and after a long separation from her husband Franklin, the marriage ended and she later married Rock LaCroix whom she met in Brooklyn, NY. Marie and Rock Lacroix had one daughter Danika. Danika, along with her sisters Marlene Benjamin, Carole Benjamin-Morgan, Caroline Fluerimont, were Marie's greatest pride and joy. Although Marie's life in the United States was a tough transition, she relied on her strong support system and her devotion to the Roman Catholic Church. Marie's mother passed on during the latter part of her formative years and thus she was raised both in Haiti and the United States by Olivia Lafalaise, who was affectionately known as, "Gramma".

Throughout her life, her faith in God and the sanctity of life has never wavered. She maintained a positive outlook and a respect for spirituality, her ancestors, family, and the love of God. She continued to be a pillar of strength for her family and her community. Her foremost characteristic traits were her optimism and ability to see light even in dark times, her forgiveness, her determination, her love of life and love of God. She was a devout Catholic and devoted her spiritual life to follow the Virgin Mary. She cared for others and was always ready to serve and to offer a helping hand to those in need. She donated as much as she could to help others left behind in Haiti with education, financial support, and travel opportunities.

She was no stranger to sacrifice and hard work and persevered in order to achieve a good life for her family. The church was her second home and she never lived too far away from St. Augustine Church. Marie was known for opening her home to those in need and always reminded her family of the importance of helping others in time of need. Without hesitation she would welcome strangers into her home and adopt them. Her home became a haven for many Haitian immigrants. Marie was also a connector in the community. She always knew someone who could support a person in need. She truly enjoyed volunteering at the church and was known for cooking specialty dishes for special events.

She emphasized education and was often quoted saying, “*an education is the one thing I can give you that no one can take away from you*”. She made many sacrifices to ensure her children were college educated. It is no surprise that her daughters have followed her footsteps and have chosen careers as public servants. In addition to raising her daughters, Marie also played a significant role in the lives of her three stepdaughters: Kettly LaCroix (*deceased*), Yvrose Desgrossette, and Yolette LaCroix and her stepson, Luckner Demonsthene Sr.’s. She cherished all the children and marveled at how they matured, blossomed, and bloomed into amazing

human beings. Marie's greatest joy was being a grandmother and great grandmother. As her family grew in numbers, her heart grew with so much admiration for her family.

After a long suffering and being in and out of hospitals, God called on her to come home to Him on Saturday, December 4th, 2021 at 4:34am.

Marie is survived by her children Marlene Benjamin Augustin and children, Carole Benjamin-Morgan, her husband Curtis Morgan and children, and Caroline Benjamin Fluierimont, her husband Serge Fleurimont and son, Dr. Danika LaCroix Rux, her husband Dr. Shawn Rux, and children. Her grandchildren include Briana, Darius Esq., Alex, De'Andre, Olivia, Zoe Ivy, Jaelyn, Arabia, Alexa, Andrea, and her great grandchildren Ariana, Alani, and Darian.

Her cousins Emmanuel Lafalaise and his wife Antonine, Leonard Lafalaise, Gaspard Lafalaise and Dr. Marc Lafalaise and his wife Dr. Marie Boursiquot, Sylvain Chancelier Lafalaise and his wife Sharline Lafalaise. Her nieces and nephews and cousins and family include: Patrick and family, Martine Lafalaise and Ariana Dorvil, Jean Thomas and family, Gaspard Jr., Rose Marie and family, Emmanuela Lafalaise Voltaire and family, John Ceda Lafalaise and his wife Fabienne, Janis Lafalaise and family, Kepler and family, Nirva and family, Josebeta and family, Carles, Martine and family, Patrick, Therese, Roland, Claude, Marianne, Footzman and family, Kenya, Meda, Pascal, Peronette and family, Lorette Belotte Denis and family, Irene Belotte and family, Olivia and family, Peral and family, Andre and family, Ertha Breville and family, Micheline Cangé and family, Marie Goldie, Jean Robert, Marie Yolene Brizard Lubin and family, Deacon Joseph Bichotte and family.

Families and friends: Mrs. Jeanine Anas, Claude Maurice, Prudeau Brutus, Kettly Maurisset and friends from St Augustin.

The families: Benjamin, LaCroix, Lafalaise, Augustin, Fleurimont, Samples, Morgan, and Rux thank you for the kindness and compassion you have shown and extended to us during this difficult time. Eliane, known to us as Ti-ane, Momo, Madame LaCroix, Soeur LaCroix, will be greatly missed and her memory will be eternally in our hearts.

In adherence to Marie's request, she will be laid to rest in Thomonde, Haiti; the country that she loved so deeply.

May God Give Her Eternal Peace.

