



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Elisa Scilda Merle

Sunrise

July 22, 1925

Sunset

August 28, 2022

Service

Monday, September 19, 2022 • 3:00 p.m.

St. Bonaventure - St. Benedict the Moor
114-58 170th Street • Queens, New York 11434

Order of Service

Gathering Song..... “Blessed Assurance”

The Greeting of Mourners Father Francis Asagba

Sprinkling of Body & Placing of Christian Pall Father Francis Asagba

The Liturgy of The Word

The First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23 Music Ministry

The Second Reading Romans 6:3-4,6-9

Gospel Acclamation..... Music Ministry

Gospel: John 14:1-6..... Father Francis Asagba

The Homily Father Francis Asagba

The General Intercessions

The Response “Lord Hear Our Prayer”

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Musical Selection..... Music Ministry

The Eucharist Prayer (Please Kneel) Father Francis Asagba

The “Our Father” The Assembly

The Holy Communion ~ With Reverence

Meditation..... Music Ministry

Life Sketch..... Family/Friend

The Rites of Commendation..... Father Francis Asagba

The Recessional Music Ministry

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery

Calverton, New York

Obituary

Elisa Icilda Merle (“Elsa”) was born in the República de Panamá on July 22, 1925. She passed away on August 28, 2022. She was ninety-seven years young.

Elisa moved to the United States (Bronx, NY) as a young adult where she met and married her husband, Jenaro Luis Merle (“Kito”) in the late 1950s’. Through this union, they had five children, Sheila, Renaldo, Vincent José, Jenaro and Clare Marie.

Elisa had an exceptional gift for helping others and pursued a career as a medical office assistant at the City of New York Hospital at Elmhurst Hospital for over thirty years. At her retirement ceremony, Elisa was recognized for her exemplary work ethic and pleasant demeanor. Throughout her career she balanced managing family and various interests; notably cooking dishes such as arroz con pollo and black eye peas with rice.

Throughout Elisa’s retirement, she actively volunteered in various community programs and activities dedicated to helping others. She served as Treasurer of the International Tower Resident Association where she resided for over fifteen years. In the association, she functioned as senior floor captain reconciling resident’s concerns to which she received recognition for her long and priceless participation and unwavering dedicated service. In a testament to Elisa’s invaluable volunteer contributions, she was formally awarded three service certificates by the Office of the Comptroller of the City of New York in recognition of outstanding leadership and community service. Notably, a Mother of the Year award was presented to Elisa for her caring attitude, support, and dedication by International Neighborhood Senior Center in May 2018.

Anyone who knew Elisa knew she had a fond interest in arts and crafts (painting), bingo, cooking, dominos, old western shows, and crossword puzzles. She diligently challenged herself to complete a puzzle book every week. Elisa loved the color green which symbolizes life, renewal, and resurrection. Elisa was the epitome of kindness, humility, and enthusiasm in her love for family and friends. Affectionally called (“ma”) (“mommy”), (“nana”) (“grandma”), (“aunt Elsa”) (“mama merle”), (“miss merle”) (“Chica”), Elisa loved hearing the terms of endearment. She was incredibly proud of all her children and grandchildren for their vast accomplishments.

Elisa was predeceased by her husband Kito, sons Renaldo and Jenaro, grandson Antonio, great cousin, and nephew respectively, Ena and Harold Erskine. Elisa leaves to cherish her loving memory: children, Shelia, Vincent José and Clare Marie; son-in-law: James Cokley; grandchildren: Renae, Andre, Natasha, Janelle, Dominique, Ramón, Korin, Hannah, Danielle, Johnnie, Bianca, Jarreau, Breanna, Joanna, daughters-in-law: Emelda, Tracey and Maria, great grandchildren: Kayla, Isabel, Emily, Landon, Helena, Myles, Gia, Jayce, great cousin Roy Harding, nephews, Roger, Gregory and Michael Erskine, dear loving friend Thelma Snoddy, grand dog, Sasha and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of extended family and friends: most notably, the International Tower community.

As Elisa would say “This too shall Pass”

Serenity Prayer

*GOD, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
and the Wisdom to know the difference.*

Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

*Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it.*

*Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;*

*That I may be reasonably happy in this life,
and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.*

Amen.



Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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