

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Joceline Pierre Saintilus

SUNRISE
AUGUST 30, 1935



SUNSET
AUGUST 14, 2020



Order of Funeral Service

Musical Prelude.....	Visitation
Opening Hymn.....	Ave Maria
Prayer.....	Father Paul Janvier
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.....	Steven Donat
New Testament: Romans 8:38-39.....	Bryan Donat
Reading of the Obituary.....	Judie James
Acknowledgments.....	Trevon James
Reflections.....	Family & Friends
Eulogy.....	Mona Hall & Sydney Hall
Musical Selection.....	Hallelujah

Repast

(Immediately After Service)
63 Stream Bank Drive
Freehold, NJ 07728

Interment

(Monday, August 24, 2020)
St. Charles Cemetery
2015 Wellwood Avenue
Farmingdale, NY 11735





Obituary

Joceline Pierre Saintilus, 84, of Brooklyn, NY passed away on Friday, August 14, 2020, at home in Cream Ridge, NJ surrounded by family. Joceline was born in Les Cayes, Haiti on August 30th, 1935, to Antoinier Simon and Therese (Eugenie) Bernabe.

Joceline moved from Les Cayes to Port-au-Prince, Haiti with her mother and older sister, Adeline Pierre when she was very young. In Port-au-Prince, her mother operated a fabric and sewing materials store, while Joceline and her sister attended school. In 1955, Joceline traveled to America to study nursing. She settled in Brooklyn, NY and in 1958, she married Gerard Saintilus, also from Haiti. Together, the couple had one wonderful son, Gerald Saintilus, Jr. (1961-1963), and two beautiful daughters, Judie James (nee Saintilus) and Mona Hall (nee Saintilus). In 1972 the couple divorced, and Joceline continued to raise her two daughters in Brooklyn. Soon she established herself as a small business owner operating a grocery store and restaurant, and investing in real estate in the Park Slope, Crown Heights, and Flatbush sections of Brooklyn. Joceline was well respected in the community and her entrepreneurial spirit served as a beacon of hope and inspiration for the immigrant community, especially young women and single mothers.

Joceline enjoyed taking frequent trips to Haiti and often spoke of building a retirement home there. Her favorite pastimes were listening to and watching operas, listening to French radios news, and discussing business and politics with friends. Joceline especially enjoyed family gatherings. She could never pass up good food and good conversations with family and friends. In her final years, Joceline moved to New Jersey to be closer to her daughters and her grandchildren.

Joceline was predeceased by her parents, Antoinier Simon and Therese (Eugenie) Bernabe, and her son, Gerard Saintilus, Jr.

She is survived by her sister: Adeline (Ado) Pierre, daughters: Judie James and Mona Hall, sons-in-law: Alex James and Robert Hall, grandsons: Steven Donat (wife, Nancy), Bryan Donat, and Trevon James, granddaughter: Sydney Hall, great grandchildren: Nylaziah Donat, Steven Donat Jr, Jasen Donat, Julius Donat and J'Andrew Donat, nieces: Marlene Smith (nee Belfort) and her husband Robert Smith, and Elsie Belfort, grandnephews: Sharod James (wife, Danny), Shamel James, Ian John, Jeremi Remy, grandniece: Jasmine McKenney, great grandnephew: Jayden James, great grandniece: Addison James, and a host of other family and friends that were near and dear to her.

Acknowledgment

The family of the late Joceline Pierre Saintilus acknowledges, with sincere appreciation and thanks, your prayers and all acts of kindness shown at this time of bereavement.



Final Arrangement Entrusted to:

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