



Elizane Jean

August 26, 1930 - November 6, 2016

Elizane Jean, age 86, passed into eternal rest and heaven's glory Sunday November 6, 2016, surrounded by her family at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center in Chesapeake, Virginia. A Haitian native, Elizane was born August 26, 1930 in Anse-à-veau, Haiti to Celimise Cédor. A daughter, wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, Elizane is preceded in death by: her mother, Celimise; husband, Francis Jean; her brother Serien; two sisters, Antonia and Ellia; step-son Myrtel Jean, and her first born daughter, Suze – who died as an infant at nine months.

Growing up in Haiti, Elizane was the oldest of four children. Challenged by pressures of poverty, she was no stranger to hardships and humble beginnings. As such, she leaves a legacy of tenacity, patience, love and sacrifice as a homemaker for her husband and children. Far-reaching beyond her immediate family, Elizane was very much a mother-figure to several nieces - Marie Denise, Roselène, Marie Venante, Fernande, and Antonine, to name a few. Her strong Haitian heritage was evident in her lifestyle. The aroma of collard greens, eggs & smoked herring and boiled plantain cascades memories of meals she prepared for her husband. She enjoyed Haitian gospel music and passed her faith on to the next generation by her frequent use of Haitian proverbs.

Elizane came to the United States in 1985, at the age of 55. Experiencing life

in Spring Valley, New York, Chesapeake, Virginia and Malden, Massachusetts. Elizane enjoyed American culture. She loved to laugh. Comical sitcoms such as Good Times, The Jeffersons, and Martin often brought about her warm smile and inviting laughter. Shows like Dr. Phil also added a slight touch of drama which occasionally triggered Elizane's "signature" Haitian practice of "tchwipe or tchuipe", which has been passed on to, and practiced by, her children and grandchildren. Her most enduring legacy will forever be that of faith and prayer. Elizane was truly a prayer warrior. She would often pray for hours at a time – lifting up each child, grandchild, and even great grandchildren – by name. Using her daughters as interpreters, she was informed and engaged in the political climate and practices of the American culture.

Elizane leaves to cherish her life and legacy: nine children (five daughters, four sons), 18 grandchildren (nine granddaughters, nine grandsons), six great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Her smile, voice and presence will be missed.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Catholic Cemetery

Portsmouth VA

Previous Events

Wake Service

NOV 11. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Angels Catholic Church
34 Afton Pkwy
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Elizane Jean*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 11, 2016 at 12:32 PM



“ *32 files added to the album Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 10, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *To this wonderful lady I wish a peaceful rest.
To the family I wish calm and serenity on this time of great sorrow.
To God I pray for guidance offering unwavering love and belief.*

Rosie - November 09, 2016 at 08:10 AM

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“ Rosie lit a candle in memory of Elizane Jean



Rosie - November 09, 2016 at 08:05 AM