

*"I have learned so much from my mother.
I hope someday I will be as good a parent
As well as a human being as she was."*

Pallbearers

Eddy Muscadin

Jean Wilson Muscadin

Nelson Reyes

Nicolas Muscadin

Dickson Desruisseaux

DeAndre Reyes

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to God
for the gift of family and friends, who have been so kind
and thoughtful during this time of sorrow.*

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A Celebration of Life for



Carmen "Carm" Desruisseaux

February 12, 1935 - July 26, 2015

Obituary

Carmen Merisier was born in Croix des Bouquets, Haiti on February 12th 1935. She was the first and only child of Ophelia Victor and Polynice Merisier. Ophelia would later marry Dieudonne Charles, and Carmen, would become the older sister to six siblings. Carmen grew up with all the burden of the first born as she helped her parents with her three brothers and three sisters. Carmen had to drop out of school since her family didn't have the means to pay for her tuition.

At the age of seven Carmen was sent to Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti to live with her aunt, Diane Bruner. Diane was a successful woman and she took Carmen under her wings. Even though she now resided in the city, Carmen, would periodically go back to Croix des Bouquets to be with her parents and siblings. Carmen took sewing lessons and became a seamstress. Carmen, also started traveling to various Caribbean countries such as Panama to purchase various goods and resell them in Port au Prince.

In 1960, Carmen met Menandre Muscadin, an officer in the Haitian military. They had two children, Menandre Jr. and Eddy. Menandre Jr. died as a baby. Carmen and Menandre's romance didn't last. She wanted a home and family while he wanted to pursue a military career.

In 1970 Carmen arrived in the United States. She settled in Elizabeth, New Jersey and became part of the immigrant community. It was there she met and became friends with others who too were struggling with the language, struggling with the weather, struggling to find their place in their new homeland. It was within that diaspora community, Carmen met Anascal Desruisseaux, the man who would become her husband and the Love of her life.

Carmen and Anascal were married in September of 1973. They had two children, Chanda and Dickson. The arrival of Carmen's oldest son, Eddy, completed the family. Carmen worked as a machine operator for the Singer Sewing Company for a number of years. When Singer closed their plant in Elizabeth, she went to work for Reliable storage.

Carmen was a selfless person. She would send money to Haiti every month to support her brothers and sisters. She sponsored two of her brothers and two sisters and helped them achieve resident status in the United States. Carmen supported numerous nieces and nephews back in Haiti. She would send them money, food, clothing, whatever they needed.

Carmen loved politics. She was a proud Democrat. Her love for Bill Clinton was surpassed only by her Love for Anascal. She loved president Obama. Carmen was a great cook. She loved being in her kitchen, cooking or planning her next meal. Carmen loved to tell stories. She loved conversation. She would be found at her kitchen table where she would feed you and listen to whatever was ailing you.

Carmen loved Mexican music. She loved the music of Coupe Cloue. She loved watching television. She loved the silliness of the three Stooges. She loved to laugh. She loved being with her grandkids, all whom she babysat from infancy.

On July 26, 2015 Carmen lost her battle with diabetes. She has left us...though we are saddened by her loss. We are comforted by the knowledge that she is in a better place. Carmen has gone to join her mother, her father, her sister Dieudonne, her sister, Mireille. Carmen, we mourn you and we pray for you. Our lives are better for having known you.

Carmen is survived by: her husband, Anascal; her son, Eddy; her daughter, Chanda; her son, Dickson; grandchildren, Nicolas, DeAndre, Ashley, Jayden, Madison, Jakob; daughter-in-law, Katiana; son-in-law, Nelson; sister, Clodette; brothers, Julien, Marcelon and Renel.

Funeral Mass

Saturday, August 1, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

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Celebrant:

Father Frank Rocchi

Order of Service

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| Entrance Song | Congregation |
| Opening Prayer | Celebrant |
| First Reading | Mariano Allemany |
| Responsorial Song | Gene Papay (singer) Nick Micchelli (organist) |
| Second Reading | Rigaud Brazela |
| Gospel | Celebrant |
| Homily | Celebrant |
| Prayer of the Faithful | Congregation |
| Offertory Hymn | Singer/Organist |
| Communion Hymn | Singer/Organist |
| Closing Prayer | Celebrant |
| Recessional | Singer/Organist/Congregation |

Interment

Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey

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