

*In Loving Memory
of*

*Sunrise
April 21, 1944*

*Sunset
December 23, 2011*

Dr. Jacquelin Montalvo Despeignes

Service

Saturday, December 31, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.

SAINT JOACHIM AND SAINT ANNE CHURCH

218-26 105th Ave • Queens Village, NY 11429

Father J. Delva, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Dr. Despeignes was born April 21, 1944, in Cap-Haitien, Haiti, to Demetrius Despeignes and Constance Guerrier. Dr. Despeignes was a high achiever and had an unwavering commitment to the well-being of his family, the development of his native country of Haiti and the education of every individual. He was, above all, a passionate humanitarian.

He demonstrated His love and commitment to education by achieving degrees in Law, Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science and Business Administration. He also showed this commitment by encouraging many young men and women to pursue degrees in various fields of study, no matter who they were, where they came from or what they believed of their intellectual capabilities. For him, education was the great equalizer and the bridge to human collaboration and understanding. He attended Les Freres De L' Instruction Chretienne in Cap-Haitien, where he honorably completed his elementary school education. He then attended College Notre Dame to begin his secondary school education. At College Notre Dame, he showed his extraordinary aptitude and talent for languages. While excelling at College Notre Dame, his mother decided to send him to the Capital of Haiti, Port-au-Prince, for increased educational opportunities and exposure to various social, industrial, and cultural developments that were occurring in the Haitian capital at that time.

While in Port-au-Prince, he successfully completed his secondary school education at Lycee Toussaint. After his studies at Lycee Toussaint, he attended La Faculte de Droit D'Haiti, where he accomplished a law degree, while showing outstanding talents and proficiency for public speaking and relations, debates and politics. After a short legal practice, during which he worked mostly pro bono to provide legal assistance to the poor of Haiti, he enrolled at La Faculte D'ethnology in Port-au-Prince, where he graduated first of his class. Upon graduation, he was eagerly selected to teach at La Faculte D'ethnology as one who had an exceptional command and knowledge of the field of ethnology. While excelling as an Ethnology/Anthropology professor due his proficiency in the field, he met and married Marie Emelie La Tortue, also a native of Cap-Haitien. Shortly after, Mr. Despeignes was granted a scholarship by the French government to study at the Sorbonne in Paris. Mr. Despeignes and his new wife then left Haiti for Paris in pursuit of further education.

At the Sorbonne, Jacquelin successfully earned doctorates in Juridical Sociology and Political Science. Soon after accomplishing his doctorates, Dr. Despeignes and his wife immigrated to New York. Shortly after settling for a new life in the Big Apple, Dr. Despeignes enrolled at New York University, where he achieved, with outstanding academic performance, a Masters of Business Administration. During his professional career, Dr. Despeignes worked as a political consultant for various African and Caribbean governments, to include governments in Algeria, Trinidad and Haiti. He was a significant contributor to various newspapers, such as *Le Nouvellist*, *Haiti Tribune* and *Haiti Observateur*; he worked as an excellent syndicated/political talk show host at *Radio Caraib*. He also served honorably as Minister without Port Folio in the Haitian government in the 1990's. As a politician, he was uncompromising in expressing the truth as he saw it. As an entrepreneur, he was a fearless and goal-oriented risk-taker.

Additionally, he published various sociological and political literature and books, to include *L'integration Caraibbeenne et Haiti*, *Le Nouveau Regard*, *Le Droit Informel Haitien* and *La Torche et Le Torchon*, which will be published posthumously. He was also a talented poet and was in the process of terminating his auto-biography, which will also be published posthumously. Right before his unexpected and unforeseen death, Dr. Despeignes was working on completing a legal code that he believed would effectively help resolve the legal, political, social, educational and economic quagmire found in his currently troubled native Island of Haiti. This effort was part of his continuous and relentless commitment to integrate Haiti in the modern, industrialized world.

Dr. Despeignes is survived by: his wife, Marie Emilie Despeignes; his children, Vladimir, Paulgh, Magali and Farah Despeignes; and his grandchildren, Vladix, Chad, Marie Edma, Amden and Rilan.

Funeral Liturgy

Greeting

Hymn

Prayer

Scripture Reading OT or NT

Psalm-sung

Alleluia-sung

Gospel

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Offertory (2)

Hymn

Prayer

Holy Holy Holy / Eucharist Prayer

Our Father

Lamb of God

Communion (Catholics only)

Hymn

Prayer

Final Commendation

Hymn

Final Disposition

Fresh Pond Crematory
Middle Village, New York

Following the Final Disposition, family and friends are invited to the repast at:

***Brasserie Creole
227-02 Linden Blvd. • Cambria Heights, NY 11412***

A Psalm of Ascents

I lift up my eyes to the mountain
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Acknowledgements

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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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