

Liturgy of the Eucharist For
Antoinette Paulette Charmant

July 11, 1932 - January 26, 2016



Services

Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

SAINT GABRIEL R-C CHURCH

26-26 98th Street • East Elmhurst, NY 11369

Obituary

Antoinette Paulette Charmant Coiscou, known by her family and friends as “Paulette”, was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti on July 11, 1932; she the granddaughter of Dr. Joseph Charmant, and the first child of Odille Louis, who lived to be 100 years old. On her mother’s side she is survived by her sister, Jacqueline Barosy, and sixteen nieces and nephews. She was also the first child of her father, Beausejour Olivier, who was rumored to have near thirty living children. We have known, and can only account for fourteen (although Paulette knew them all). On her father’s side we know her to be survived by seven brothers, two sisters, fifty-six nieces and nephews.

She buried her husband, Joseph Gerard Coiscou in 1975, and is survived by her son, Karl Coiscou, his wife, Pamela Everhart, and two grandchildren, Hamilton and Jade Coiscou.

Paulette left Haiti, and came to New York City in 1955, where she worked for Aigner Index Company until she retired in 1999. Paulette was always poised, polite, gracious, and cheerful; a constant ray of sunshine who lived a wonderful Christian life. Being recognized as the family matriarch among her brothers and sisters she offered advice, support and sometimes direction to all. She regularly sponsored friends and relatives from Haiti in their pursuit of citizenship in the United States, and on occasion arranged for the employment.

Paulette’s helpfulness and generosity was undeniable, as evidenced by her many close friends, some of whom have been friends for more than fifty years; and some go back to her childhood in Haiti. Her generosity was not limited to her family and friends. It was not unusual for her to offer advice to total strangers, and this advice was remarkably always well received. In 1999, immediately after the birth of her grandson, Paulette retired in order to spend six months in Boston to help raise Hamilton. She strongly believed a child should be kept by close family members until the child is at least six months old. In 2002, she returned to Boston to spend six months with her granddaughter, Jade.

Paulette relocated to Miami Florida in 2003 where she continued to amass more friends, some of whom are here today to celebrate her life. Paulette developed dementia while living in Florida, and in February of 2012 she was relocated to Boston, where she lived with her immediate family.

In February of 2015, she began a series of hospital visits; and after months of probing and testing a mass was found in her stomach. She continued to live with her family until she was admitted to Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care in Milton Massachusetts on January 12, 2016.

Except for her dementia, Paulette lived an eventful, healthy and joyous life. Staying true to her nature she continued to bring joy, and amazement everyone she met including her doctors and nurses. She received the best of care, suffered little pain, and passed with a slight smile on her face on January 26, 2016.

Funeral Liturgy

Introduction Rites

Greetings

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Placing of the Pall

Entrance Procession Hymn..... *“Be Not Afraid”*

Placing of Christian Symbols

Opening

Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Book of Wisdom 3:1 - 6, 9

Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 8:31, 35, 37, 39

Saint John 14:1 – 6

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Bringing of Gifts

Offertory Hymn..... *“Prayer of Saint Francis”*

Communion Hymn..... *“One Bread One Body”*

Meditation Hymn..... *“Ave Maria”*

Post Communion Prayer

Eulogy

Reflection Song..... *“How Great You Are”*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Invitation to Prayer

Silence

Sign of Farewell

Song of Farewell

Recessional Hymn

Interment

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

CARMELITE PRAYER

Death is nothing at all --I have only slipped away into the next room. Whatsoever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used to. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it has ever meant. It is the same as it ever was, there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is past, nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before, only better, infinitely happier and forever --we will be one together with Christ.

Acknowledgement

The family would like to acknowledge the Rogerson Adult Day Health Center who monitored, entertained, and was entertained by Paulette during the day while she was in Boston. We would like to acknowledge Harvard Vanguard, and Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital for her fine medical attention. We would also like to thank Seasons Hospice who cared for her in her last days, and Clarence B. Wright Funeral Home in New Jersey who will take care of her until internment. A special acknowledgement to St Mark R-C Church in Dorchester, her Church home in Boston; and a special thanks to St. Gabriel R-C Church who is holding her viewing, funeral service, and repest; and kept her spiritual health most of the time she lived in New York. Most importantly, I would like to acknowledge the family and friends who loved her, care for her, and gave strength, hope, and support to her, her family and each other.

*May God bless and protect all of you.
The Coiscou Family*

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