Requiem Mass Celebrating the Life Of



Jacques Robin Charles-Pierre

Sunrise December 13, 1938

Sunset November 13, 2022

Funeral Mass Saturday, November 26, 2022 - 12:00 Noon

St. Joachim & Anne Roman Catholic Church 218-27 Hollis Avenue, Queens, New York 11429

<u>Obituary</u>

Jacques Robin Charles-Pierre was born December 13, 1938 in Fort Liberte, Haiti. Affectionately called, Robin or Bin, he spent his formative years in Haiti demonstrating great interest in socio-political topics and education. Robin graduated from secondary school in 1959, College Notre-Dame de Perpetuel Secours located in Cap-Haitien and later graduated with the equivalent of an Associate's Degree from Ecole Nationale d'Application de Damien in Port au Prince. A highly organized, and principled man committed to education, Robin became a teacher in Grand-Bassin and in Malfeti. With his students and in all aspects of his life, before rendering his stamp of approval, Robin asserted that, "When you do something, make sure it is byen fe or korekteman." Robin's zeal for learning and exploration along with a desire for a better life, brought him to New York City for that better life. It was in New York that he met his beautiful wife, Juliette Charles-Pierre, formerly Laraque. Robin and Juliette initially lived in Brooklyn before moving to Springfield Gardens and later buying their family home in Queens Village, NY, where they resided for over four decades.

Robin's attention to detail and discipline inspired his work in the hospitality industry. He served for many years as the Hotel Manager at the historic Cosmopolitan Hotel in New York City's, Tribeca, long before it became the trendy neighborhood that it is today. Although Robin left Haiti as a young adult, his love for his home country remained paramount. He co-founded an organization that sent money and supplies back to Haiti. Moreover, Robin stayed deeply connected to Haitian politics and news and wherever he was, Radyo Pa Nou or Radio Soleil could be heard voluminously in the background. Robin would sit with anyone who would listen to share the latest about the country and his thoughts on the current political situation. Determined and reliable, Robin loved and supported and enriched every environment that he was a part of including his community in Haiti, his local Queens Village, and the Cosmopolitan Hotel team.

Most of all, Jacques Robin Charles-Pierre was passionate about family. He used his strongwilled nature, work ethic and high standards to forge a lasting impact on all who were in his orbit. In fact, it is his family that is his greatest legacy. When Robin began a conversation with, "*Eksperyans mwen*," you knew that he was going to impart knowledge to elevate the next generation. Robin understood the power of home ownership and encouraged his children and extended family to own property. He ensured that not only were they able to purchase homes but have a strong financial plan to be able to sustain them. Innate to his being, Robin's craftsmanship allowed him to fix anything that he put his mind to. Robin used the gifting of his hands to continue to make his Queens residence a comfortable loving home for his wife, children, grandchildren, and beloved family members. Gatherings in the home to enjoy celebrations and meals together were among Robin's favorite times.

Whether in his birthplace of Haiti, or his beloved New York City, Robin was a distinguished figure who would share his wisdom, love, affection, and life lessons with all who would listen. Robin was always straight to the point, reminding us that, *"Things are going to happen good and bad; you have to be able to move on."* It is why so many have standing calls with, "Ton Robin," to receive his guidance.

Robin leaves his legacy to his wife, Juliette Charles-Pierre, his children, Philip and Stefan Charles-Pierre and Samantha Exantus, their spouses Cynara and Leaha Charles-Pierre and Kamel Exantus, his grandchildren Nyah, Gabriella and Pearl Charles Pierre, Claude and Catalina Exantus, sisters Josette Marise Charles-Pierre and Circee Charles-Pierre and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and beloved family.

"...well done, thou good and faithful servant..." Matthew 25:21



Welcoming the people and the body at the entrance of the church The Opening Hymn

The Opening Prayer of the Mass

First Reading

Les âmes des justes sont entre les mains de Dieu, et aucun tourment ne les touchera. Ils semblaient, aux yeux des insensés, être morts : et leur disparition était considérée comme une affliction et leur départ loin de nous, une destruction totale, Mais ils sont en paix. Car si devant les hommes, en effet, ils sont punis, ccependant leur espérance est pleine d'immortalité ; Un peu châtiés, ils seront grandement bénis, car Dieu les a éprouvés et les a trouvés dignes de lui. Comme de l'or dans la fournaise, il les éprouva, et comme offrandes sacrificielles, il les prit pour lui. Au temps de leur visitation, ils brilleront et jailliront comme des étincelles à travers le chaume : ils jugeront les nations et domineront sur les peuples et le Stigneur sera leur roi pour toujours. Ceux qui se confient en lui comprendront la vérité et les fidèles demeureront avec lui dans l'amour ; Car la grâce et la miséricorde sont avec ses saints, et ses soins sont avec ses élus.

The Word of the Lord

A Chanted Psalm

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful Read by Nyah, Gabriella, Pearl Charles-Pierre and

Claude and Catalina Exantus

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Lord's Prayer Recited Together

The Sign of Peace

Communion Hymn

Prayer and Eulogy Philip and Stefan Charles-Pierre and Samantha Exantus

Final Prayer to entrust the deceased to God

Procession from The Church

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Eulogy

Repast at Antun's

2:00pm - 5:00pm

96-43 Springfield Boulevard • Queens, New York 11429 (All are welcome to come 7 fellowship with the family.)

<u>Interment</u> St. Charles Cemetery

St. Charles Cemetery Farmingdale, New York Monday ~ November 28, 2022

St. John 14:1-6

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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