



Celebration of Life

Lourdes Lefevre

December 30, 1955 – August 23, 2023

Wake:

Friday, September 1, 2023 from 4pm to 8pm

Maranatha Baptist Church

112-42 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY 11429

Irvantz Garcon Officiating

Funeral Mass Services:

Saturday, September 2, 2023 at 9:30 am

St. Clare Roman Catholic Church

137-35 Brookville Blvd., Rosedale, NY 11422

Obituary

“Hi Sweetheart”. As I say it, I’m pretty sure most of you heard it the most softest and sweetest voice.

Lourdes Lefevre, or as most of you knew her as Marie Lourdes, was born on December 30, 1955, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti to Raoul Desir and Hermita Maxia Bertrand. Before migrating to the United States, she attended Les Filles de Marie followed by Frank Etienne High School. She enjoyed her days in Haiti dancing in Folkloric and enjoying Chansonette Francaise. Marie Lourdes spoke Creole, French, Spanish, and English.

In 1976, Lourdes immigrated to the United States with her mother and siblings. Shortly after, she participated as a bridesmaid in a wedding where she met the love of her life JeanRobert Lefevre. Later that year the two wed at St. Catherine of Genoa Church in Brooklyn, NY.

In 1979, she gave birth to her first child, Ricardo and 4 years later they welcomed their daughter Rachelle. She adored her children and provided the best care possible for them. She was very interested in creating a better life for her and her family and decided to attend classes at New York Business School for secretary work. She then worked at JP Morgan Chase as a Stock Data Entry Clerk in 1981, where she worked and relocated with them to Delaware until late 2001. Lourdes enjoyed working on Wall Street where she often shopped, dined and felt like she was living “the American dream”. In 1988, she purchased her first home in Laurelton, Queens which became the house for all family functions and often the hangout spot.

In 1996, Marie Lourdes went from being a loving mother of two to an amazing mother of seven when her sister-in-law tragically passed away. She adopted her five nieces and nephews and treated them as her own. She even got a bigger car so that “the seven” could fit when they often went out. She exposed them to all of what New York City had to offer including Broadway shows, the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center, Bear Mountain every summer and the movies. She took pride in raising her children and instilled the importance of God, family, education and overall being a good person.

In 2007, Marie Lourdes obtained a job working as an ER Registrar for Long Island Jewish Hospital now known as Northwell Health in Valley Stream. Simultaneously, she began caring for her ailing mother up until her final days in 2008. Marie Lourdes was very close to her mother and made sure she too lived a great life and left behind a great legacy with many family traditions and memories. She enjoyed working in the hospital where she made many friends and later retired in January 2023.

Marie Lourdes enjoyed gardening, knitting, sewing, cooking, baking, shopping, dancing, dressing fashionably and making sure her house was always beautiful inside and out. She often knitted blankets, sweaters, and socks (that were way too big) for JeanRobert, and her grandchildren Moriah, Princess, Liam and Nova. Marie Lourdes was the sweetest most soft-spoken woman that we all know. She was loved by so many people and leaves behind great memories and laughs. She was very independent until her last days and would often give you the shirt off her back and offered great advice. Her smile would light up the room and her laugh was so contagious and infectious. I’m sure we’re all going to miss her famous potato salad and Iced Tea. Lourdes fought till the very end and never showed what she was really feeling.

She was preceded by her mother Hermita Maxia Bertrand, her father Raoul Desir and her beloved nephew Richard Desir. She is survived by her loving husband JeanRobert, her children Ricardo and Rachelle, her adopted children Rudy, Princess, Teddy, Christopher, Christina, her bonus son Toto, her grandchildren Moriah, Danniél Princess, Ricardo Liam and Nova, her brothers Wintzer and Springer, her sisters Judith and Darlene, and her sister-in-law Josianne Milord. She will be missed by a host of nieces and nephews (too many to name), cousins, godchildren, work children, neighbors and many family and friends.

Order of Service

Greetings and Welcome..... Irventz Garcon
Musical Selection.....Anne Garcon
Prayer of Comfort..... Moriah Layla Peoples
Scripture Reading (Psalm 23).....Christina Desir Moore
Reflections.....Family and Friends
Musical Selection.....Anne Garcon
Eulogy..... Rachele Lefevre
Words of Comfort.....Irventz Garcon
Closing/Final Prayer..... Irventz Garcon
Announcements for funeral service.....Funeral Director
Viewing.....Family and Friends

Interment

St. Charles Cemetery
Farmingdale, New York

Repass:

Brassière Creole
227-02 Linden Blvd.
Cambria Heights, NY 11411



Memories

Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.

- Mary Elizabeth Frye



Acknowledgement

The family would like to express their profound and heartfelt gratitude for every act of love and kindness extended to them during these most difficult days. In the days ahead, we will need your continued prayers and support.
The Family

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