

Legacy of Love

*A wife, mother and grandmother too,
This is the legacy we have from you.
You taught us love and how to fight,
You gave us strength; you gave us might.
A stronger person would be hard to find,
and in your heart, you were always kind.
You fought for us all in one way or another,
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.
For all of us you gave your best,
Now the time has come for you to rest.
So, go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts, we will eternally keep.*



Acknowledgements

The St. Aude family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincerely thank you for all acts of kindness shown to them in this time of sorrow.

We love her, but God loved her best ♥.

In Loving Memory



Alourdes Celestin St.-Aude

September 17, 1945 – May 2, 2020

Thursday – May 14, 2020

9am – 11am

Daniel J. Schaefer Funeral Home
4123 4th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY

Interment
St. John's Cemetery
Middle Village, NY

Obituary

Alourdes Celestin St.-Aude was truly blessed. She was born September 17, 1945 to Vertulie Augustin and Adrium Celestin in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She came to the United States when she was 17 years old and attended Clara Barton High School and earned her high school diploma in data entry and home economics. She lived in Park Slope, Brooklyn where she met her friend and lover Roland St.-Aude. She married Roland St.-Aude on December 14th, 1963 at St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church and resided in Flatbush, Brooklyn for almost 50 years.

Alourdes was a hardworking person who worked several jobs to provide for her family. She worked at various places such as Citi Corporation, Tiffany & Co., Bloomingdale's and New York Presbyterian Hospital. At NY Presbyterian Hospital, she worked as a Laboratory Assistant for 21 years up until her retirement.

Alourdes was very well known on Church Ave and East 18th St where she was a skilled negotiator and shopper. She loved to cook her Haitian cuisine such as lambi (conch), diri djondjon (black mushroom rice), pain patate (sweet potato pudding), and gato kawòt (carrot cake) just to name a few.

She took pride in family gatherings which were very important to her. She loved when the entire family got together during the holidays so she can cook up a feast. It brought her tremendous joy and a big smile was always on her face when family and friends enjoyed her cooking.

She was a 2nd mom to many. The love for her family extended to friends, neighbors on the block, within the family, and at work. She was extremely thoughtful and sometimes overly generous.

Alourdes "mommy" was a strong woman, kind, noble, courageous, brave, thoughtful, religious and realistic. Not only was she a wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend, She was also confidant to many. Alourdes left an impression when she graced you with her presence and blessed you with her food.





She enjoyed watching her favorite shows like I Love Lucy, All in the Family and Carol Burnett. Her favorite mantra which she was known for was in Haitian Creole: “Jodi a pou mwen, demen pou ou...” meaning “Today for me, tomorrow for you...”

In the last 15 years, she was able to travel with her daughters and grandchildren to the Caribbean, Mexico and abroad!

She devoted her life and love to her family:

Siblings: Rudolphe Celestin, Robert Celestin, Joseph Celestin, Fritz Celestin and Jacqueline Celestin-Andre; Gilberte Silbelcar and Jacques Sibelcar

Husband: Roland St. Aude

Children: Nadine, Regine, Roland II, Rasmine (Tara)

Grandchildren: Sheri, Roland III, Maia, Micayla, Ryan, Antoine and Michael

Great-Granddaughter: Ava Lael

She leaves to cherish her memory: Aunt Simone Verneau, Gladys Lafontant, Yolanda Lafontant-Roemer, Maria Dontfraïd, Marie-Denise Celestin, Claudette St. Simeon, Marlene Sibelcar, Andre Dontfraïd, Vivian Apollon, Lucille Bonilla, cousins, nieces and nephews and scores of loving and devoted friends.

She will be remembered in our hearts and her spirit will continue to flourish within us as a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend.

“Though we grieve your absence, we take faith knowing that your light will continue to shine and the memory of you will always be a source of comfort...We are blessed for having known you.

Alourdes, we love you and miss you. You will remain in all our hearts and we know you are now at peace.

Rest in Peace “Loudie” ♥.















