

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name;
 Thy kingdom come;
 Thy will be done;
 On earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 As we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation;
 But deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
 For ever and ever.
 Amen.*



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our family wishes to extend our profound and sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Through our cherished memories, Ferdinand will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate his life by living freely and with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath.



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A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

Ferdinand Victor Hunt

“FRENCHIE”

SUNRISE: JULY 24, 1944 ~ SUNSET: AUGUST 19, 2024



Funeral Service

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 AT 12:00 PM

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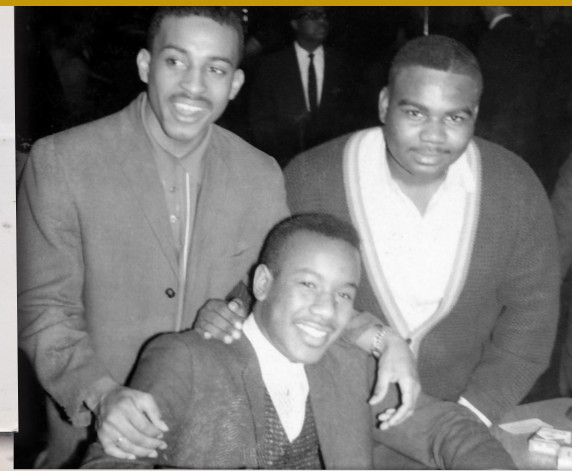
REVEREND ANGELA M. REDMAN, *Officiant*

Interment

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

WESTERN CEMETERY

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS



Order of Service

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING..... PRAYER OF COMFORT

MUSICAL SELECTIONFERN LA BORDE

SCRIPTURE READING PSALM 27

ISLAMIC PRAYER IMAM HAKEEM MARSHALL

MUSICAL SELECTIONALBEON HENDRICK "KIDDO"

PERSONAL REFLECTION SHARAE HUNT

OBITUARY READING..... RICHARD HUNT

MUSICAL SELECTIONFERN LA BORDE

EULOGY RICHARD HUNT

COMMENDATION..... REV. ANGELA M. REDMAN

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Obituary

On July 24, 1944 in the U.S. Virgin Island, **FERDINAND VICTOR HUNT** was born to the proud parents Evariste Richard Hunt from St. Martin and Daisy Viola Jackson from St. John Virgin Islands. Affectionately known to everyone as "Frenchie" but also called Richard by family and friends.

He has a host of brothers & sisters: Desmond Hunt, Mercedes Hodge (deceased) Joyce Rodriguez, Raymond Groeneveldt, Arthur Wenner (deceased), Warren Petty (deceased), Felicia Hunt (deceased), Annette Petty-Pickering, Janeice Hunt, and Brian Hunt. Cousins: Leroy Jackson Jr., Jenny George, Marlon Jackson, Marvin Jackson, John Hughes, William Chandler, Eva Hughes, Albeon Hendrick (Kiddo), Mayte Sewer, Ricardo Benjamin Jr.(deceased), Sheriz Remy, Sherizma Remy. Relatives: The Jackson family, The Frazier family, The George family, The Benjamin family, The Thomas family, The Chandler family, The Hughes family, The Remy family, The Smith family, and The Simpson Street family.

Frenchie was raised partially by his Grandmother Messalina who he loved dearly in St. Thomas. He attended George Washington elementary School and in the 1950's his mother Daisy would send for him to leave the Virgin Islands and move to New York City. He went to middle school and High School in New York, attending Benjamin Franklin High School on 116th Street in Harlem. Frenchie ran track and was part of the swim team, being a strong swimmer he would compete and win medals in many swim competitions at Dunlevy Milbank Center in Harlem. Extremely fond of music and photography, Frenchie played the trombone in Benjamin Franklin High School Band alongside schoolmates that would later go on to play with Carlos Santana. His love for music had him attending dances which made him determined to learn how to Mambo and quickly turned into Salsa. Frenchie, along with his cousin Freddy Smith, friend Fern and others would grace the dance floor at the World Famous Coppacobanna. Frenchie would excite onlookers to the point that he would be asked to join dance competitions. These contests would happen at some of the best spots in New York and Frenchie would show up looking sharp and ready to dance. As a photographer he learned how to create a dark room and develop his own photos, taking numerous pictures of friends, family and social gatherings.

In the mid 1960's Frenchie was fortunate to become a Merchant Marine, this allowed him to travel around the world 3 times and get paid in the process. China, India, Pakistan, Switzerland, and London are just a few stops of the renaissance man who would become knowledgeable, and proficient in a wide range of fields. The cruise ship was his inspiration to attend cooking school and acquired the skills to work the cruise ships as a high ranking Cook & Baker.

Blessed with a natural ability to communicate well with people, this trait enabled him to start several businesses in the 1970's. Frenchie's motto "If I work for myself, I control my days off." Among his many business ventures Frenchie had ShaFerd Cab Service, Daisy's Kitchen named after his mother and family operated, Lydia's Kitchen named after his wife and family operated and a supermarket, all on 116th street. Always striving to do more he acquired several certificates, diplomas and certifications in Plumbing, Fire Prevention, Department of Consumer Protection, Home Improvement license, a Licensed Home Improvement Contractor, a Big Game Hunting gun license and certified in Bookkeeping from Bronx Community College. Frenchie would go on to teach at the Juvenile Justice Salvation Army Social Service helping to mold the minds of future cooks and chefs and his longtime current business Only One Construction.

Frenchie is survived by his loving wife of 60 years Lydia Hunt. His Children: Craig, Jesseria, Derrick, Jefferey, Tracy, Sharae, Richard, Frenchie III, Jason, Frenchie IV, Daisy, Jasmin. Son in Laws: Robert Noel, Calvin Lovelace, Vincent Hennix and Daughter in law: Ly'Asia Hunt. Grandchildren: Michael Hennix, Calvin Lovelace II, Craig Smith II, Jaida Hunt, Feron Hunt, Jefferey D. Murray Jr, Britney L. Smalls, Ashley Morman, Alexandra Morman, Chris Morman, Mathew Morman. God children: Shawnee Braggs, and Jamel Hansen. Longtime friends close to his heart: Yvonne Bivens, Fern, Monica, Bobby, Janet Benjamin, Bum, Charlie Tuna, and Diggidy who worked with him every day. Frenchie has touched so many lives and is loved by a host of many friends and family too numerous to mention, we celebrate him and love him forever.