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Gerard Prepetit Sr. (Jerry)

Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Uncle age 81 passed away Saturday, November 11th, 2017 at his home in Lithia, Florida surrounded by his family. Gerard was born November 20, 1935 to Lys B. and Rose (Damour) Prepetit in Pétion -Ville, Haiti, the oldest of 3 children.

He graduated High School from Lycée Alexandre-Pétion in 1956. Gerard attended the Faculty of Engineering in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and obtained a degree in Civil Engineering. He was awarded a scholarship for post graduate work at the University of Mexico. Upon completion Gerard returned to Haiti and worked for the Department of Hydraulics. He travelled to Canada working on The Universal Exposition of 1967 in Montreal. He then returned to Haiti, married his wife Nicole (Jean-Pierre) Prepetit of 51yrs. and moved to the United States. In 1967 Gerard began a long career with the State of Michigan Highway Department as an engineer, where he was subsequently promoted to squad leader for the Michigan Department of Transportation. He later retired after 25 years in 1991 and moved to Florida with his wife.

Gerard lived a full life, as a devoted Father and Husband, he was a good and hardworking family man who provided not only financial support to his family but also love and compassion. As a pioneer and natural leader, he provided support to help many Haitian families immigrate to the United States. Gerard was a proud and very generous man. Gerard would always lend a helping hand to those who needed his help especially in the Haitian Community, always emphasizing the importance of a good education. Gerard was a man that many in the community would look up to not only for support but also for guidance. He would provide the assistance that people needed and you could always count on him being there for you. Gerard was



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not only a man of strong conviction and perseverance, but he was very humorous and loved having a good time with friends and family.


Gerard Prepetit Sr. is survived by his wife, Nicole; son Jean-Guy; son Gerard Jr. (Melanie) Prepetit; daughter Nathalie (Andrew) Nichols and Perry (Pierre); grandchildren Garrett, Sierra, Ethan, Gabriel and Madeline; brother, sister, sister-in-laws Rosemary (Jean-Pierre) Jean-Louis, Micheline (Jean-Pierre), Yanick (Silverne), Marie (Silverne) Louis and Jacqueline (Bertrand) Jean-Pierre, Maryse (St. Pierre) and Josephina (Jean-Pierre) cousins, numerous nephews, nieces and special friends. Gerard is preceded in death by his parents and a brother. The Family will greet friends from 7:30pm-10:00pm on Friday, November 24th, 2017 at Van Orsdel Kendall Chapel in Miami. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 25th at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 11291 SW 142nd Ave, Miami at 11:00am with Msg. Schwanger. A reception will follow in the social hall.


Memorials may be made at the NINDS (National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Strokes) ninds.nih.gov or the Moffitt Cancer Center give.moffitt.org.

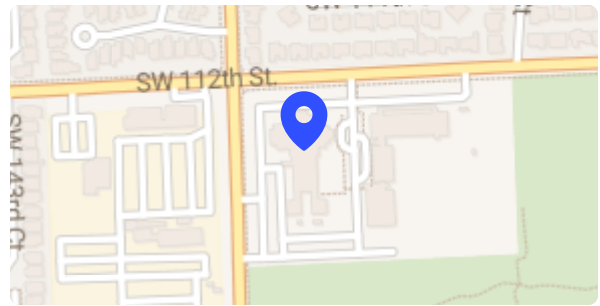


Mass of the Resurrection


 **Saturday**, November 25, 2017

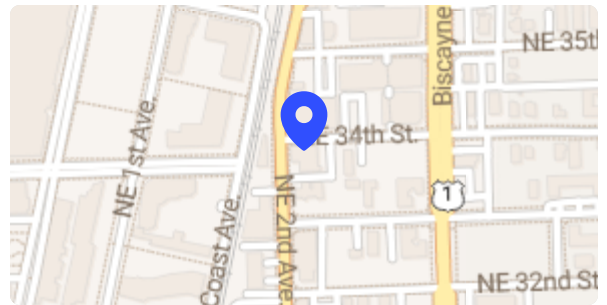
 11:00 AM ET

 **Our Lady Of Lourdes**
11291 SW 142 Avenue, Miami FL



Cemetery Details

 **Van Orsdel Crematory**
3333 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami FL 33137





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Calvin Prepetit posted:

Wish I could have met you. Glad to see you lived a long and fulfilling life. Rest in peace.

September 29 at 2:44 PM



David, Pascale, Alexa, Sylvie, David Jr. Prepetit sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the PREPETIT family.



November 23 at 5:28 PM



Nicole Prepetit posted:

To « Ma petite Folie » of 51 years .we had some great memories You will always be With Me And I will look up for solutions to problems encountered along the way as you were always my problem solver You taught me a lot During these long years You left me it's very hard you won't be sound physically However you will always be with Me my dear Pappy Ti Nick 💜💗👤 Kisses and Hugs T'il we meet again

November 21 at 2:17 PM



Jean-Guy Prepetit sent a Sapphire Skies Bouquet to the PREPETIT family.



November 21 at 9:35 AM



Micheline Jean-Pierre posted:

When you remember Gerard (Jerry) You don't think of him this way .Instead remember the good times you had, or the funny things he'd say Remember his Christmas time, Christmas parties at his home in Michigan. He liked great music and he was competing and sharing with his friends the first, best music that came out. He liked to dance too. Remember he loved you all more. And don't lose heart because we'll see him again. When we all reach that distant shore. Jerry! Everyone will miss you. Lovely. Miche Jean-Pierre

November 18 at 7:55 AM



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Rose Marie Jean-Louis posted:

One of my fondest memories of Jerry (Pappi) is how he taught me financial discipline. This is a principle that still remains in me and I still apply today. Jerry was a man of structure, discipline and hard work. he was also loving, always told me how he loved my cooking which incidentally I learned from his wife/sister Nicky when I came to the USA. He loved to tell me stories about his professional life and accomplishments in Haiti, Mexico and the United States. We loved to dance at parties and I would take pleasure to imitate him which brought him laughter. I will miss him greatly and will always value what he taught me. Love always Pappi. May you rest in Peace. Your sis Rosie

November 17 at 10:10 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring GERARD by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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